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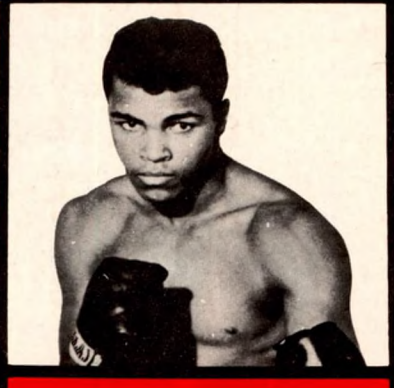

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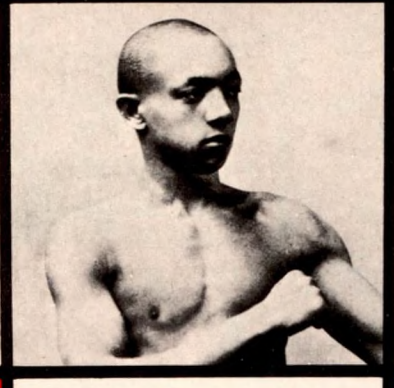

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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

BY NAT LOUBET,

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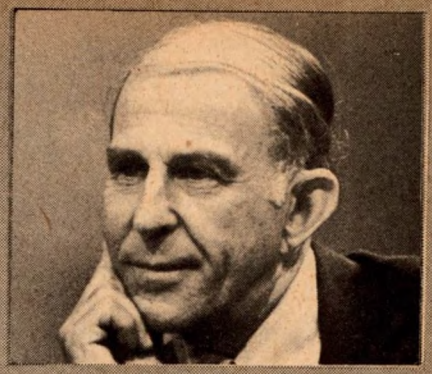

BACK in the days of the glamorous United States Boxing Tournament, The Ring ceased to list United States champions in order that the champion of each weight class might be determined in the ring with the winners of the tournement obtaining recognition. As we all know, ABC suspended the tourney leaving the various division champions up in the air.

The Ring was unable to do much about the situation since the ABC blackout was a suspension and no definite word was received by The Ring that the tournement would not be continued at a later date.

As of now there is another organization interested in running an American championship tourney on television, but in all fairness to the United States fighters, it seems only just that the number one fighter in each division be installed as the U.S. champion of his weight class. No more time should be allowed to pass without the United States having legitimate champions for the entire world to see.

You will note that in this issue, the champions in each class are once again listed in the United States ratings.

A subject that is germane to ratings is the growing concern over the abundance of junior titles and a desire on the part of some boxing enthusiasts of having even more of same. Some organizations have added a sub flyweight class designation which would bring the men in this catagory into the ring at no more than 105 pounds. This seems ludicrous. I can see no need for such a class. The entire world is getting bigger, not smaller, and when attempting to rate flyweights (112 pounds or under), it becomes a chore to find a good supply.

There may be some merit in the suggestion of having a super heavyweight division, since the disparagement in weights between heavyweights does reach heights that suggests a hard look at the statistics might be in order.

In the early 1900's there was a similar problem with fighters who had outgrown the middleweight class, being too heavy for that division, but too small to compete with the likes of Jim Jeffries (216 pounds). A Chicago newspaperman by the name of Lou Houseman conceived the idea that there should be a class to be known as the light heavyweight class with a limit of 175 pounds. He managed to get the backing of sports editors around the U.S. In 1903 the innovation was generally accepted. The first fight in that class was between Jack Root and Kid McCoy, with Root winning a clear cut decision and the new title. The division has been maintained to this day, and, while not receiving the same enthusiastic following as either the middleweights or the heavyweights, it has served a purpose. Truthfully, most light heavyweights who can

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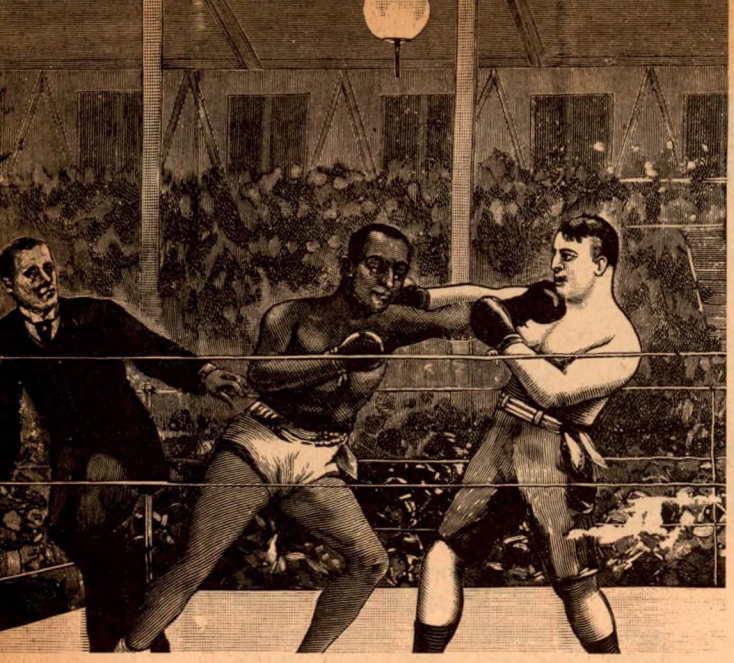
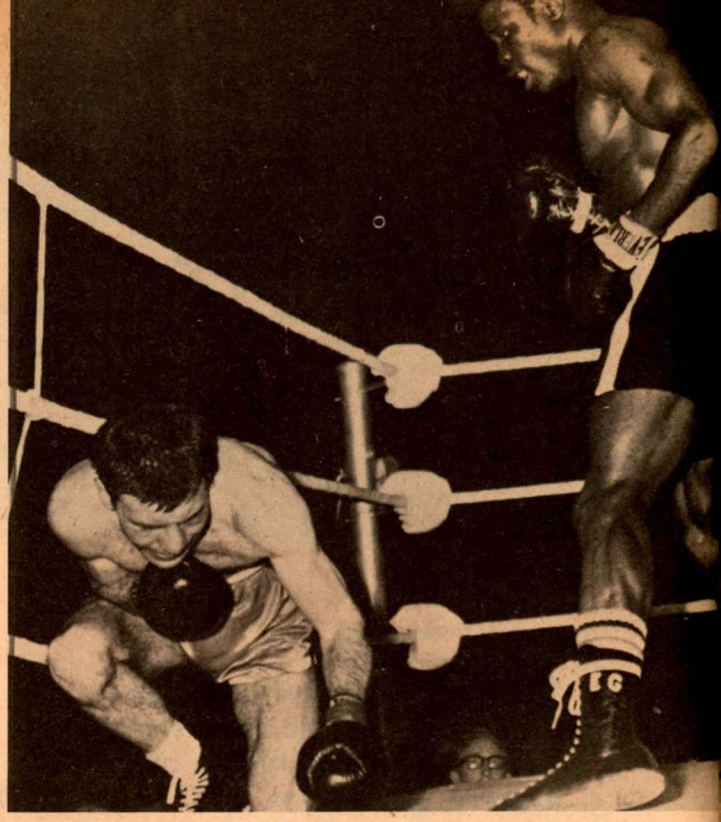
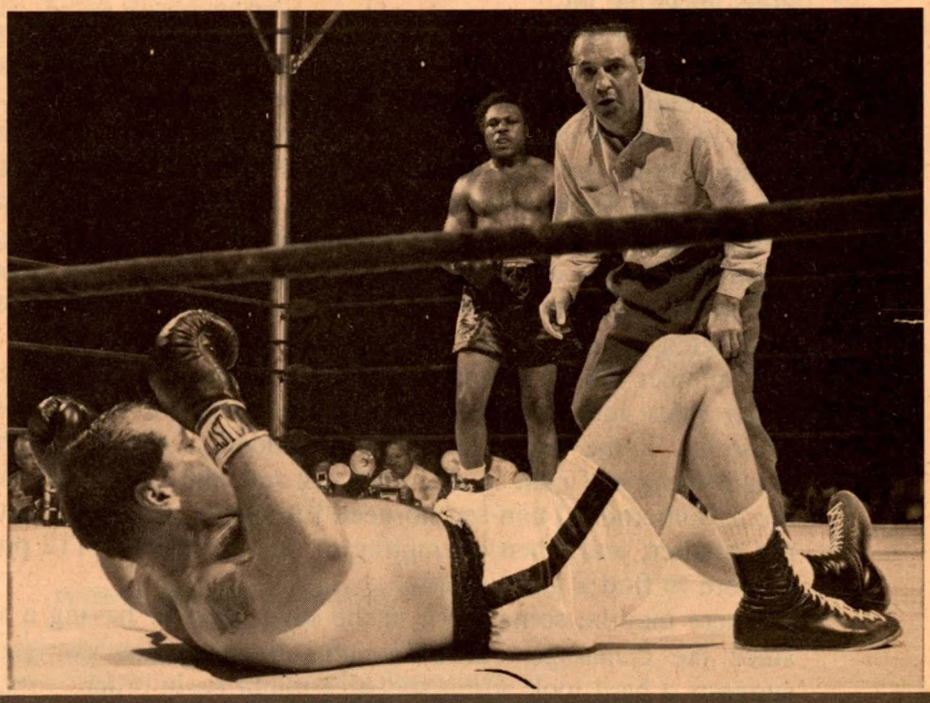




(Above) George Dixon, seen left against Young Griffo in 1895, was known for his speed and punching power. (Right) two time welterweight champ and middle king, Emile Griffith, standing over Brian Curvis in 1964, had a long ring career. (Below right) Archie Moore, standing over Bobo Olson in 1955, had a style which fighters are still emulating.

By LESTER BROMBERG



COUNTING off the all-time fighters according to nationalities, The Ring now comes to the super big leagues—the Black race.

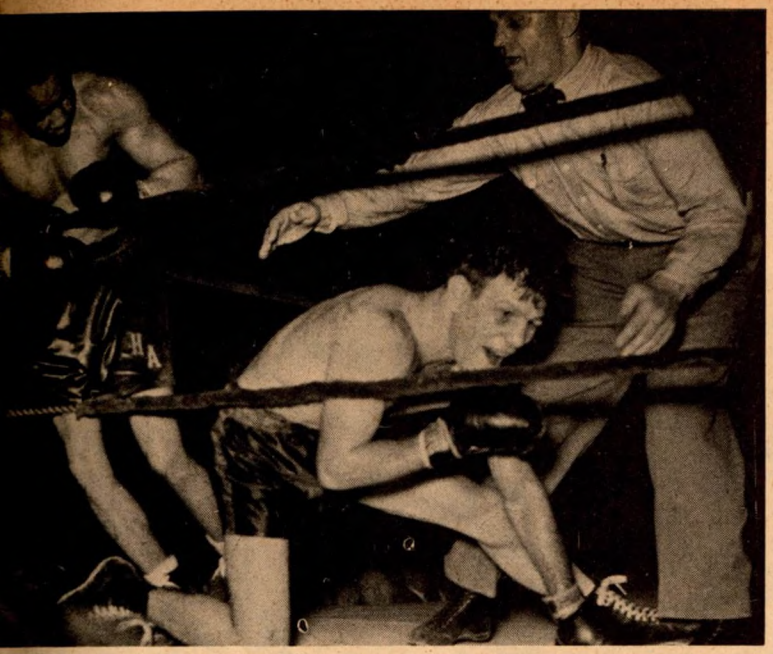
The Black-Americans almost compose a dozen races including, as they do, the conventional Negroes, the so-called Africans and in color the rich ebony and the subtle cafe aut lait.

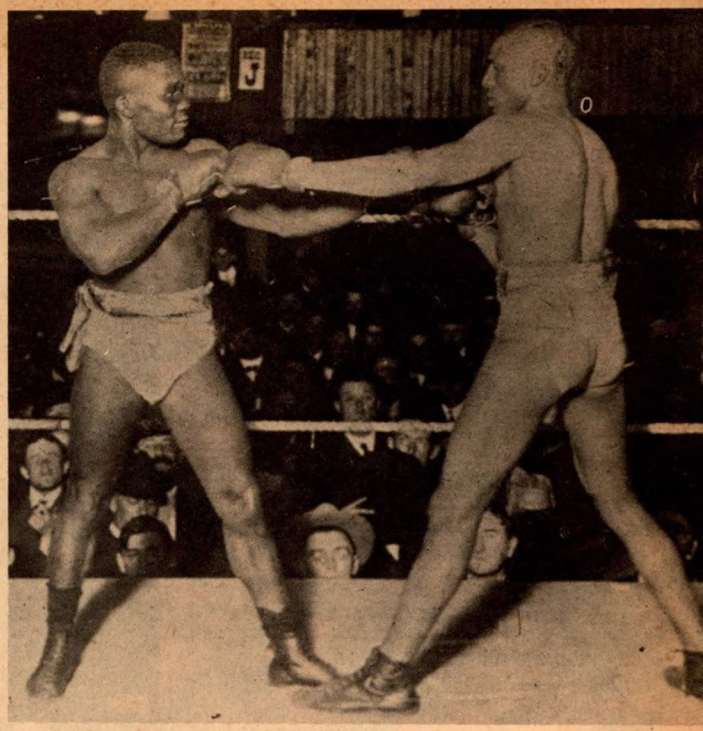
Check it out, they have vaulted from a Tom Molineaux and his slave era to the world of reasonably free men. Long forcibly removed from competition with whites, they have since won every division of boxing at one time or other. Today they still dominate almost all classes; there would be no pro bosing without the Black-Americans.

This is the fourth ethnic series.

Previously the Ring published the Italian-Americans (May 1977), the Irish-Americans (September 1977) and the Jewish-Americans (December 1977). Other races will be covered.

TOP BLACK FIGHTERS OF ALL TIME





"Hammering" Henry Armstrong, former triple crown winner, is on the ropes over Sammy Angott in their June 11, 1943, New York bout. Armstrong won over 10.

Who belongs on top?

Speaking only as a majority of one, I fight off the claims of older-generation compatriots, I stay with a modern. I put Muhammad Ali, aka Cassius Clay, at the peak.

Plainly Ali is the best, the greatest. Naturally, I am taking the long view. Judging him career-wise, he's 36 and fighting 17 years. I'm taking the liberty of considering his active days over.

The present imposter is 50 per cent of the old Ali, or should I say, of Cassius Clay?

The all-time greatest did several outstanding things which haven't been matched by anyone.

▲ He has been a genuine champion, in that he has faced all legitimate challengers. Everyone got a chance when he deserved it, some a couple of times. Ali even took on Kid Rust. He deliberately gave up his title at his undoubted peak (the famous refusal to join the army) and lost three years before he came back title-less.

▲ He set an almost certain record for the vast number of places he chose to defend his title. He feared the strange places not a bit; he chose, for example, to go into the African jungle (Zaire) to fight as an ex-champion against a then considered potent George Foreman in 1974.

▲ He did another fearless thing, often not realized by the casual fan, but acutely understood by the insiders: every time he went into a strange city or a foreign country he was being generally handed into the hands of a new referee. They were strangers but honest, happily.

▲ For the following, you just have to give him a medal for selfless bravery, with oak leaf clusters. I remember this: Boxing was under severe attack at Albany in 1963 and a committee from the New York Boxing Writers Assn. made a pilgrimage with Harry Markson, then head of Madison Square Garden. In the group came a 20-year-old light heavyweight, Clay, who made an impassioned plea for boxing.

(Above) Joe Gans, seen right against Joe Walcott in 1904, has been called the lightweight dancing master from Baltimore.

(Left) Bob Foster, ex-light heavy king with a tremendous left jab and hook, is seen hopping over Pierre Fourie back in 1973.

▲ What else does a barrister for boxing's first Black citizen have to produce? He is a boxing brain, he is inventive, he is responsible for the rope-o-dope and Ali-shuffle. He has coined such names of opponents as George Chuvalo, the Washerwoman; George Foreman, the Mummy; Floyd Patterson, the Rabbit, and Earnie Schavers, Acorn.

Hey, quit talking about Ali—this is a list.

I'm going to shock old-timers a bit further.

I pick Henry Armstrong ahead of Joe Louis.

I consider giving away weight as a crowning achievement.

Little Henry, Hammering Henry etc. won a triple victory, the featherweight crown (1937, 126 pounds), the welterweight crown (1938, 147) and the lightweight crown (three months later, 1938, 135). A still standing record, of course.

He also, fought for the 160-pound laurels in 1940 against Ceferino Garcia in Los Angeles at 10 rounds. He could not win except by a knockout. Eyewitnesses say that he clearly won in a bout called a draw, when he weighed an estimated 148 to Garcia's 160.

In other words, Henry tortured himself coming down to 126 after he had been

weighing 134 for Pete Sarron. He balooned (drinking beer daily) to 147 against Barney Ross. He had to dry out at 135 after being up there when he met Lou Ambers.

This is apart from a fabulous string of knockouts. These were not based on a titantic punch. He had limitless endurance, kept forcing his way forward and simply knocked the opponents out of wind.

Oh, yes, Louis was Louis. This meant something—25 defenses of the heavyweight title (1937-1949), a truly phenomental reign (a record, natch). It conjures up a picture of lightining fast, thunderously hard punches. But qualitywise his opponents (Jim Braddock, Buddy Baer. Arturo Godoy et al) didn't compare with Armstrong's.

Nor did his chin compare with the smaller man's. And you can look that up.

Isn't it possible that much of the American Dream sprung from Louis and his involvement with Max Schmeling and the bitter feeling around Hitler? And also could it have been a projection of our own youthful hot blood of the times?

Fact snap back into focus with our next choice, "Sugar" Ray Robinson, clearly one of the greatest middleweight champions of all time, if not the best.

Six fights with Jake LaMotta, a champion and a tough cookie. Robinson weighed about 149 and LaMotta was always a solidly-packed 160-pounder. And yet Robinson won five out of six—and that one loss was debatable.

Showing that I do believe the pictures of Jimmy Jacobs which show you much of the wizardry of the past, I select Jack Johnson. He is memorable as the first Black champion, but he was never more than a good ring mechanic against a nothing Tommy Burns and an exhumed Jim Jeffries. Just study films of the Jess Willard fight. Allow for rustiness, but you still find nothing that a Joe Jeannette or Sam McVey might not have done.

Charley Burley, 160-pounder from Pittsburgh, next?

Did you say, "Charley Who?"

Don't betray your ignorance. Burley is one of the great unrecognized. He came out of the Golden Triangle which spawned Billy Conn, Battling Gizzy, Honeyboy Jones, Fritzie Zivic and Ralph Chong for a pittance in the depression days of the late 1930's.

Burley could box anybody all night. He could also hit tremendously. There is record of one fight he had with J.D. Turner, who weighed 215 pounds, with Charley's 150, in Pittsburgh. He actually stood Turner on his head for a KO.

It's impossible to go beyond the late Ezzard Charles and his artistic talents. He often was unlucky but he always was not so talented to a fantastic degree. He won the heavyweight championship, but those who followed his entire career say he was at his best when he was a big middleweight; lightning fast and precociously clever. He wound

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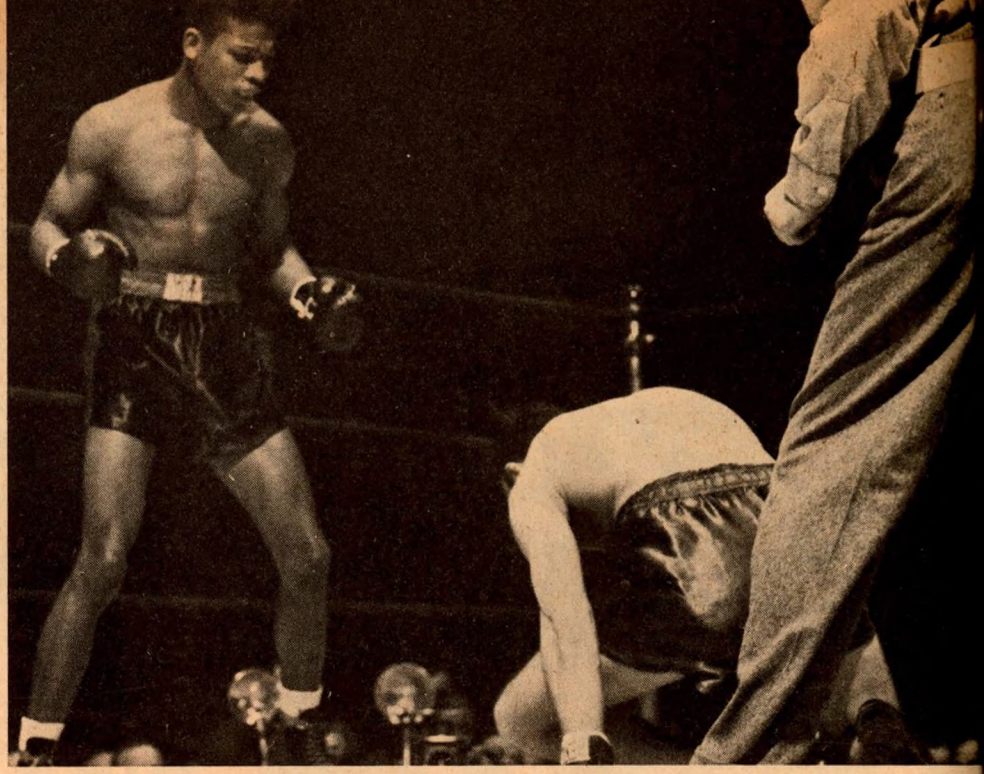
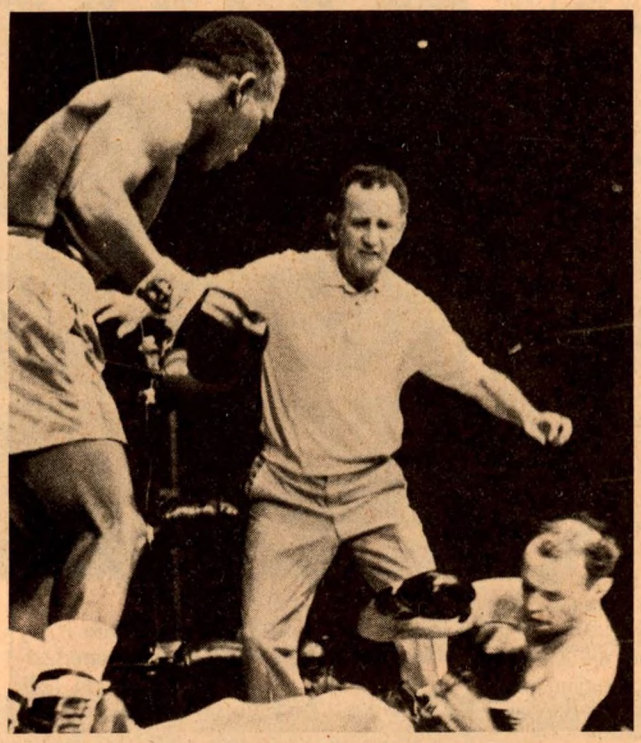
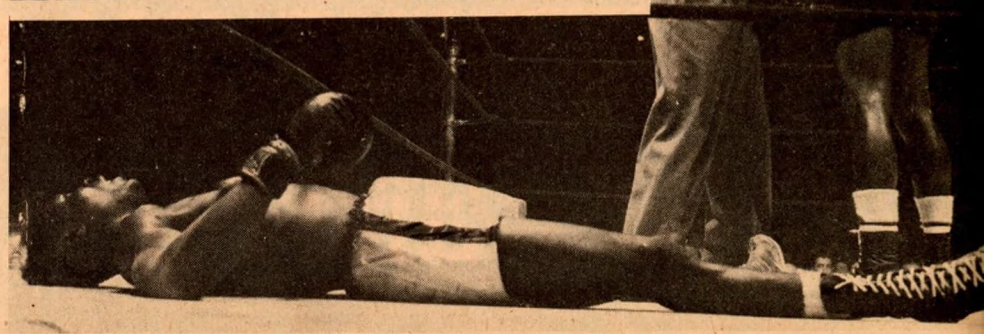
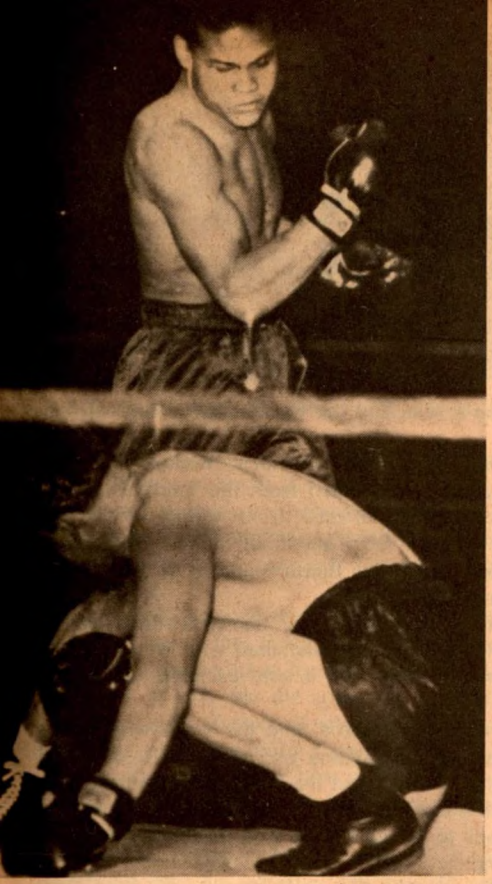


(Above) Sugar Ray Robinson, seen over Maxie Berger in 1942, was clearly one of the greatest middleweight champions of all time.

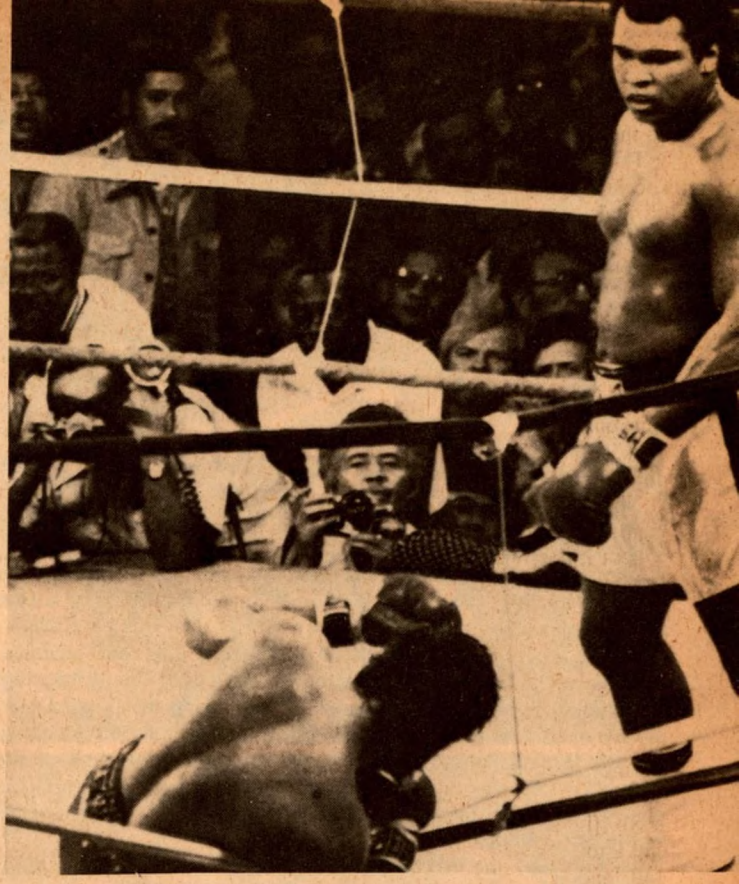


(Left) Double champ Dick Tiger, standing, was an impeccable fighter and champion. (Below) Ex-lightweight king Ike Williams is led to center ring upon KO'ing Sonny Boy West in 1950.

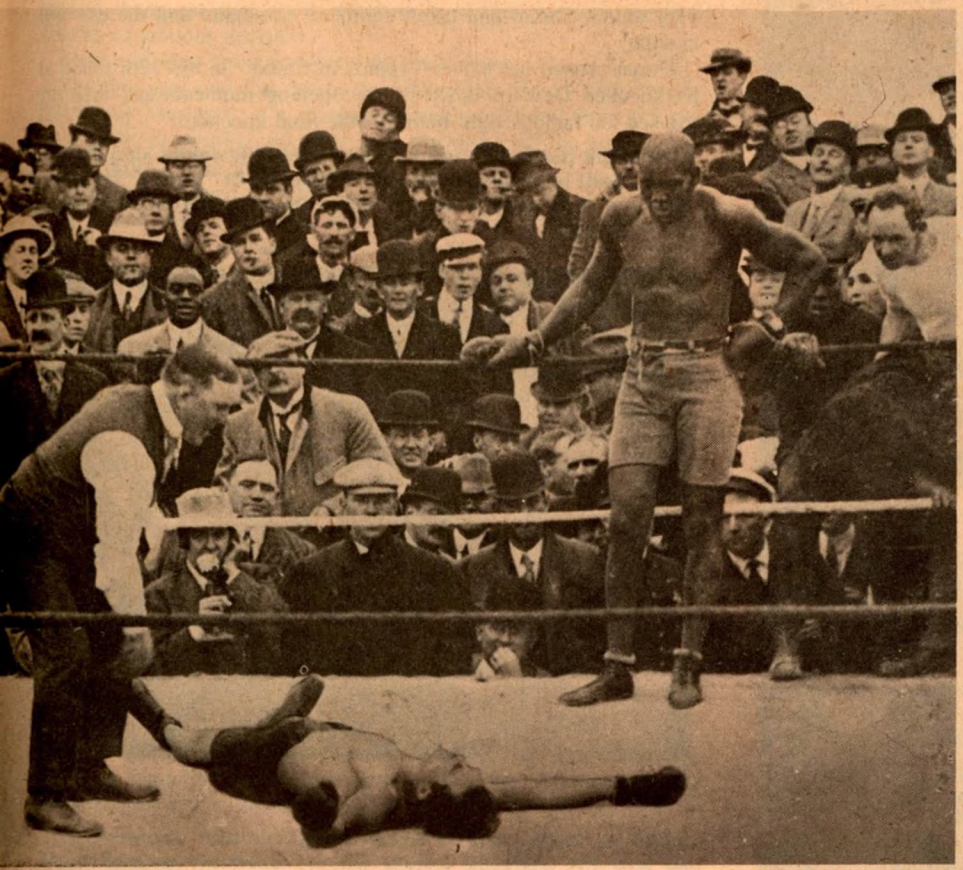


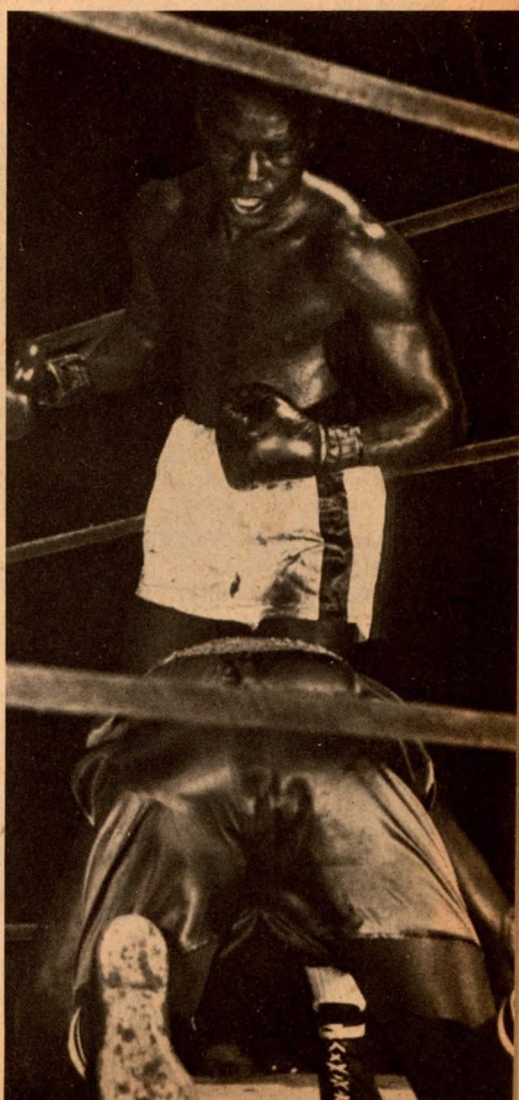


(Left) Joe Louis, standing over Al McCoy who was KO'd in six, was an idol in his time and could not go unmentioned in any list of Black greats.



(Right) Heavyweight king Muhammad Ali stands over Jean-Pierre Coopman in round five of their 1976 title-bout. This writer calls him the No. 1 Black fighter of all time.





(Above) Jack Johnson, lounging against the ropes as Ketchel is counted out in 1909, has become a legend. (Right) Ex-heavy champ Ezzard Charles, standing, has been underrated by many boxing historians.

DURAN UNDISPUTED WORLD LIGHT KING

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

THE "Hands of Stone" struck again as Roberto Duran emerged the undisputed world lightweight champion in his battle against Esteban DeJesus at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas with a KO at 2:32 of the 12th round.

Duran, the WBA Champion from Panama, and DeJesus, the WBC Champion from Puerto Rico, met for the third time on a Don King-promoted show which was aptly called "The Combat Zone."

DeJesus, at 134, and Duran, at 134½, are long-time enemies. The two started their bitter battle on Saturday at the early morning weigh-in, when DeJesus took a swing at his opponent, and Duran countered with an attempted blow that was stopped by his trainers.

Their mutual hatred was evident from the opening bell of the title fight. DeJesus came out swinging, jabbing and hitting. Duran played a waiting game in the early rounds—a game that proved his mettle as world champion.

DeJesus took the early rounds as Duran circled around the ring, countering with some vicious jabs to the body and head. DeJesus was staggered briefly when Duran pinned him against the ropes in the second round.

The third round saw the beginning of an all-out brawl as De Jesus worked to Duran's head and the Panamanian countered with brutal body blows.

DeJesus, who was smiling and confident through the third round, became somber and disoriented from the fourth round on. The former WBC champion suffered from a lack of timing. Numerous swings to Duran's head and body missed their target. Esteban began to wear down in the fourth round as he attempted to dance away from Duran's battering.

DeJesus revived in the fifth round and managed some stunning rights to his opponent's head. Duran countered with brutal blows to the body, and the round ended with a wild exchange of punches against the ropes.

The latter rounds were all Duran's, and the world-wide boxing audience began to see the handwriting on the wall. DeJesus tried vainly to put his opponent away, but the crafty Duran proved to be quicker, stronger and smarter. Esteban's punches became ineffective, his attempted jabs to Duran's head were badly timed and his coordination was completely lost.

Although DeJesus managed some good shots to the head in the 11th round, Duran had taken complete command and the end was in sight.

Duran proved his name, "Hands of Stone" in the 12th round as he knocked DeJesus down in the opening moments and then unleashed his famous right hook for the final knockout.

In pre-fight publicity photos, WBA world lightweight king Roberto Duran (left) is seen with Sylvester Stallone of "Rocky" fame, and WBC world lightweight king Esteban DeJesus (below) with singer Frank Sinatra.

While referee Buddy Basilico began the count, DeJesus corner mercifully stopped the fight.

The bad blood between the two fighters boiled again after Duran's victory when a post-fight battle erupted between Roberto and Esteban's younger brother. The fight was quickly stopped by both corners, as hundreds of Panamanians who had flown to Las Vegas to witness the fight swarmed into the ring to cheer their national hero.

A smiling, unusually mellow Duran met the press along with his interpreter and stated: "I could have knocked him out earlier, but I felt that I must fight cautiously because I have not fought for a long time before today. DeJesus was best in the early rounds, but after that I was able to make him miss a lot. In the 12th round he left me an opening, and that's when I gave him the surprise I had planned.

"I knew I would win," concluded the champion. "They do not call me 'Hands of Stone' for nothing!"

A tearful DeJesus was unable to meet the press; however, in a private talk with your Ring reporter, he stated simply: "He had a tougher punch than I expected. The whole fight was nothing like I had expected."

The opening bout of the championship card saw Rocky Mattioli of Milan, Italy, the WBA Jr. middleweight champion, take a unanimous decision from Jose Rodriguez of Puerto Rico.

Mattioli, at 157, was the aggressor throughout the sluggish fight. He worked with flurries of jabs to his opponent's chin and head, with body shots sprinkled throughout the fight. Rodriguez, also 157, fought a dance-away type of fight. His game plan was strictly defense and showmanship as he continuously imitated the Ali shuffle.

Mattioli was staggered briefly in the fifth round when he suffered a deep cut over his left eye. The seventh round, however, saw a revived champion, and Rocky went on to outfight his opponent and win the unanimous decision.

Three walk-out bouts followed the main event.

The first saw two Las Vegas middleweights Rocky Moseley Jr. and Rocky Mustapha in a completely lackluster bout. Both fighters were guilty of pushing, shoving and clinching, and the bout resembled wrestling more than boxing.

Mustapha emerged with the unanimous decision.

In a heavyweight slugfest, Kevin Isaacs, 202, took a unanimous decision from Joe Alexander, 218. Both fighters managed savage, aggressive blows to the opponent's head, chin and body.

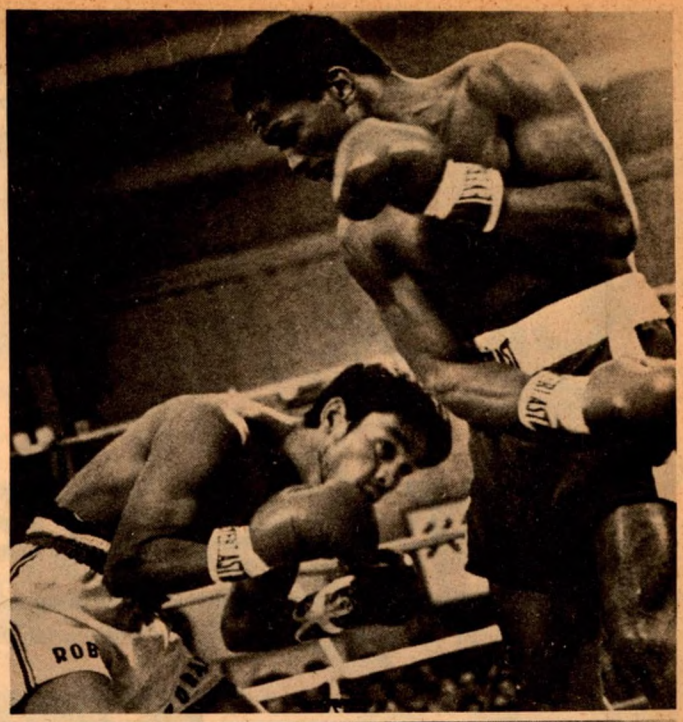
Isaacs was down in the second round and Alexander was down in the third round, when he was saved by the bell. Though he staggered to his corner, Alexander was thoroughly revived by the fourth round bell and came back with powerhouse punches to Isaacs' head and body.

The tenth and final round was an all-out brawl, as both men unleashed their arsenal of punching power. Isaacs, however, was the more strategic fighter and emerged with the unanimous decision.

In a final and unexciting bout, Felix Pinto, 148, a Puerto Rican stablemate of De Jesus, managed a unanimous decision over Jose Luis Rodriguez, 146. Pinto showed some swift legwork and danced away from most of his opponent's blows.

Rodriguez, a clumsy, workhorse type of boxer, managed a few effective punches, but was clearly outclassed by the quicker, more agile Pinto, who smiled and jested between rounds with the diminishing audience.

The championship fight card was presented before a sellout crowd at Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion. The event was telecast by CBS and featured some expert sportscasting by two veteran fight trainers, Angelo Dundee and Gil Clancy.



(Top) Panama's Roberto Duran ducks a right thrown by Puerto Rico's Esteban DeJesus. (Center photo) DeJesus, left, and Duran, right, trade punches in the course of their Las Vegas title fight. (Right) DeJesus is on his way to the canvas after a flurry of blows by Duran in round 12. With the KO win, Duran becomes one of three indisputed world champions in boxing today.

Canto Wins Close Nod Over Oguma

World flyweight champion Miguel Canto, Mexico, left, and Shoji Oguma, Japan, right, square off for photographers before their Koriyama title-bout.

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

KORIYAMA CITY, JAPAN—Crafty Mexican Miguel Canto had a tough time in retaining his WBC flyweight crown for the eleventh time, as he barely won a split, hairline and controversial decision from lefty puncher Shoji Oguma of Japan over 15 hard-fought rounds.

There were no knockdowns, though the fighters traded plenty of sharp shots throughout the contest.

The official scores showed just how close a game it was. Jay Edson, a veteran referee from the U.S., tabbed the speedy affair 147-146 for Canto, while Mexican judge Jose Escalante saw it 147-145 in the champion's favor, but Takeo Ugo of Japan had it 148-145 for the challenger.

Three years have passed since Canto slightly outmaneuvered Oguma to wrest the title via another close majority nod (147-145, 149-145 and 147-147) in Sendai City on January 8, 1975.

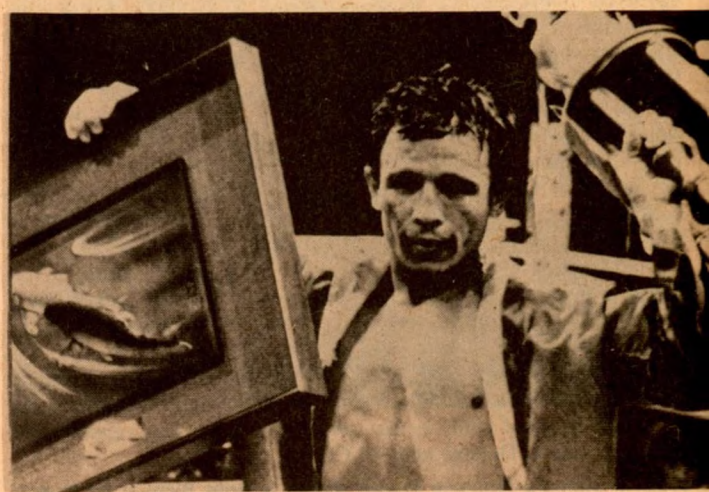
Both entered the ring at 111¾ pounds before 8,000 fans at Koriyama City Gymnasium. Oguma was the taller by three inches, but their reaches were almost identical.

29-year-old Miguel seemed a bit too confident in his training, because it was only 34 days ago that he unanimously outscored Martin Vargas, Chile, in Santiago to break Pascual Perez' record of nine consecutive defenses in the flyweight class.

From the opening moments Canto and Oguma commenced the fireworks by tossing fast leads incessantly.

Southpaw Oguma, 26, sent some good body shots to take the second canto by a slight margin.

Canto, one of the most skillful boxers pound for pound fighting today, has never been a powerful hitter, as he has registered only 15 kayos in 54 previous wins against three defeats for nine pro years; however Miguel's superb defensive ability is such that he cleverly averted Oguma's positive attack to fight in even terms from the third to fifth rounds.



(Above) Canto lands a straight left to the head of challenger Oguma in round 10 of the 15-rounder. (Right) The champ shows off his trophies after successfully defending his title with a split nod.

Canto was perhaps studying Oguma's progress since their first encounter.

During the first five sessions the shorter Mexican seldom tossed positive rallies, but hit back well-timed straight rights whenever Oguma stepped in with strong one-twos at Canto's breadbasket.

The sixth and seventh rounds were taken

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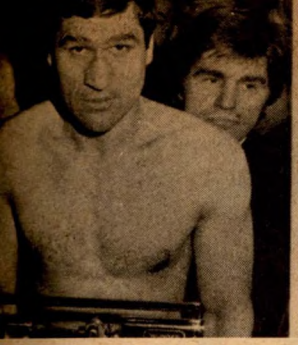
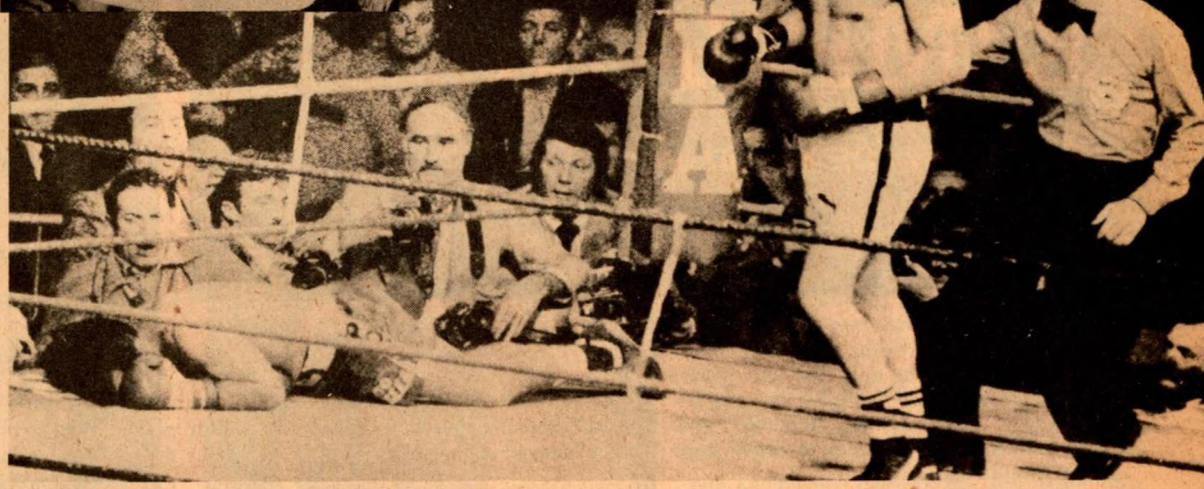




(Above) Mate Parlov, Yugoslavia, left, and Miguel Angel Cuello, Argentina, right, weigh in. (Right) Cuello is down in round nine.

CUELLO KO'd: PARLOV NEW 175 KING

By SLOBODAN MOMCILOVIC

MILAN — The night of January 7, this year, was one that the Yugoslav boxing fan will remember for all times. The light heavyweight title (WBC) changed hands. The clock reached 2:43 of the ninth round when a crashing Parlov left cross dumped Miguel Angel Cuello, Argentina, to the canvas where he lay on his stomach as if dead, not moving a muscle.

The world got a new claimant of the light heavyweight title. Mate Parlov became the first man in ring history from an Eastern European socialist state to win a professional world championship.

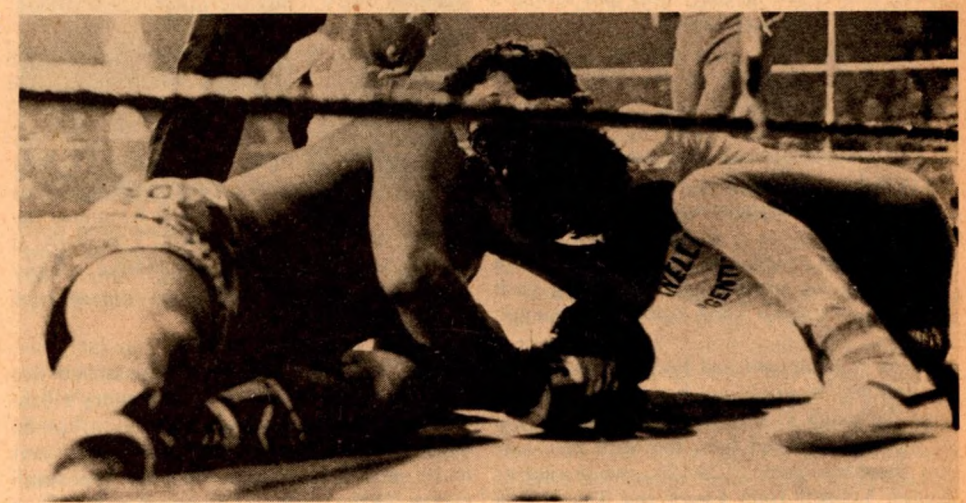
Parlov had said to this Ring reporter over a year ago, "In any case I'll come out as the next light heavyweight champion of the world."

The former contender kept his word.

On the day before the title-fight, defending champ Cuello was proclaiming, "I'm going to destroy Parlov!"

But 29-year-old Yugoslav had a fair lead for the first seven rounds, scoring with his long right hand leads and periodical left jobs. Cuello started to come on in round seven, when Parlov was in trouble.

"Don't take that step!" shouted Cuello's contryman Carlos Monzon, sounding surprised. Monzon's warning was justified. Parlov opened up with a barrage of rights and lefts to the head in round nine, and down went the king before the 8,000 spectators in the "Palasport." At the count of seven, Cuello made a desperate attempt to regain his feet, but he toppled again.



Cuello, who had never been knocked out in his pro career, is helped by one of his trainers after being KO'd in round nine of the Milan WBC world light heavyweight title contest.

It was the first time in Cuello's pro career that he had been knocked out. Never beaten, the 31-year old Argentinian had had 21 bouts and 21 wins (20 by KO).

The scoring of the contest for the first nine rounds was as follows: referee Sid Natham (England) had it 79-74, and the two judges, Peroti (Spain) and Halbah (Germany) had it 79-77 and 79-78, respectively.

"I was faster. My jab was better," explained Parlov, who scored his 11th knockout in 20 victories with one loss and one decking in his professional career.

Angelo Dundee, the commentator for CBS and trainer of Muhamad Ali nodded in agreement and said: "Parlov won because he knew more. He's a very good fighter, a real champ."

Currently the Mate Parlov story is one of the most interesting sequences in boxing. He's a fighter of unusual number of titles.

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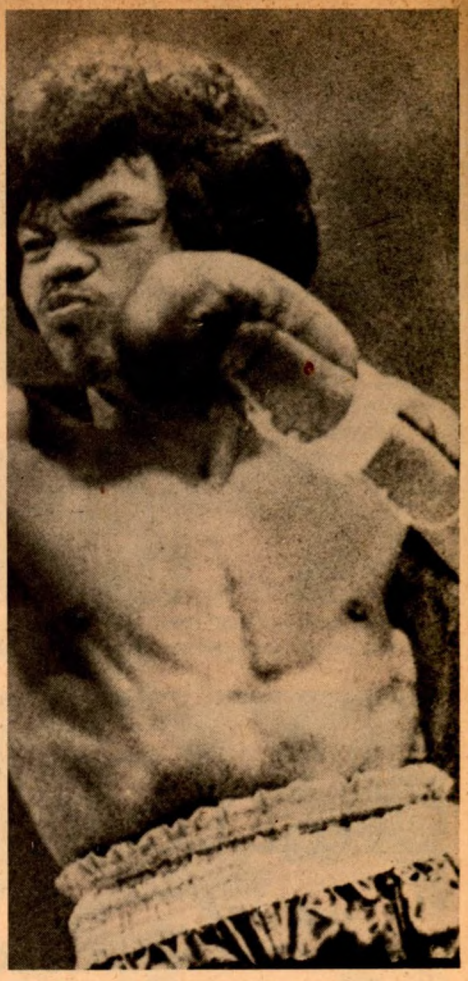
MUANGSURIN BATTERS KIMPUANI

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI



Thailand's Shengsak Muangsurin, WBC Jr. welter king, KO'd Zaire's Joseph Kimpuani in the 14th round of their Chanthaburi, Thailand, title fight.

CHANTHABURI, THAILAND — In the year 1941, Joe Louis defended his heavyweight title seven times to prove himself a fighting champion.

Thai lefty puncher Shengsak Muangsurin, 25-year-old WBC junior welterweight titlist, successfully defended his title for the sixth time in a year, as he pummeled Joseph Kimpuani, Zaire, into a gory mess and scored a 14th-round technical knockout before some 40,000 native fans. The African challenger was a badly bleeding at the mouth at the time of the stoppage.

The cut was opened in round five and was deepened to the bone by Shengsak's furious punching in the thirteenth session.

In the next round, the Italian referee had a TBC physician examine the streaming gash and then awarded a TKO to the Thai champ.

Even if Kimpuani had been allowed to go on fighting, he could not have scored a kayo over the tough Thai or be a points victor. Up to the well-received halt, the third man saw the lopsided game 128-121, while judges Kamel Youseff from Egypt and Thai Sakda Permkwamdee tabbed it 128-122 and 130-122 all in Shengsak's favor.

Kimpuani, born in Zaire 28 years ago, had registered a winning streak chiefly in Dunkirk, France, and proved durable against Shengsak's continued attack as to refuse to go down.

Only in the first round was Kimpuani clearly in command, tossing good sharp jabs.

Muangsurin, a former kick-boxer who copped the WBC crown in his third pro bout via an eighth round kayo over Perico Fernandez in July of 1975, turned aggressive from the third round on. The portsider often forced Kimpuani into the corner to catch him with a barrage of punches.

In round five Shengsak smashed a wicked right to open up a cut at the challenger's mouth. The African kept bleeding as the contest progressed. The tide turned almost completely. Shengsak was furiously in command in every round thereafter.

Though Kimpuani fought gamely with his neck and chest covered in crimson, the scrappy champ never softened his attack.

In the crucial thirteenth canto, the sturdy southpaw chased him hard to go for a kayo. A series of heavy punches had Kimpuani absorbing too much punishment, especially at the bleeding gash. The impressive victory upped Shengsak's record to 14 wins against one defeat.

The Thai lefthander, whose nickname was SAB (a naughty boy in his country's language), showed a very stable reign, as he badly defeated six top notchers in one year to be unable to find any worthy opposition except WBA titlist Antonio Cervantes of Colombia and welterweight leader Carlos Palomino, Calif.

The confident, bearded Muangsurin once lost his throne in Madrid, Spain, where he dropped Miguel Velasquez time and again, but threw an illegal additional blow after the gong to be declared a loser on disqualification on June 30, 1976. Four months later the Thai side-wheeler went abroad again to Spain, this time Segovia, where he needed only two rounds to take back his title with a strong attack.

In 1977, Muangsurin began his title defense series in January, as he faced a formidable rival, Monroe Brooks of the U.S., to have him retired midway in the 15th and final round in Chiengmai, a northern city in Thailand. In April he went to Tokyo and easily finished former WBC lightweight champ Guts Ishimatsu with a strong boy bombardment in round six. The month July witnessed the Thai puncher in Madrid, where he gained a unanimous 15-rounder decision from ex-titlist Perico Fernandez of Spain.

In the next month Shengsak found it very easy to demolish a faster but smaller lightweight named Mike Everett, U.S., in six rounds in Korat, Thailand. Muangsurin, in October, engaged in a 15-rounder with Jamaica's Saoul Paul Mamby to win a decision after a hard-fought contest in Bankok.

This guy Shengsak seems to make rapid progress in the sweet science of the international style to utilize his potential "Killer Instinct" more effectively. If Muangsurin wants to fight on more occasions for the title than last year, he will have to invade the welterweight class in which there are many ringmen strong enough to cope with the Thai puncher's aggressiveness.

EMILE GRIFFITH REMEMBERED...

By CHARLES D. BROWN

The five time former welter and middleweight champ Emile Griffith finally hung up his gloves after over twenty years of worldwide glove tossing. I still have firm memories of the time I interviewed the ex-champ, even with his being in the twilight of his career. After two years of interviewing fighters with pro records of 2-0-1 and 1-3-0, I was wondering if I should bring a gift of myrrh to the interview, or follow a star to get to the appointed place, rather than use a common subway.

Indulge me as I slip into semi-nostalgia. It was February 1977, and after a three-year absence, Emile, like Pearl Bailey, was back where he belonged—New York's Madison Square Garden. It would be Griffith's 28th appearance at the Garden, tying him with Tony Canzoneri for the most appearances at the Garden by a fighter who attained a championship. His opponent would by Irish Christy Elliott, a tough if not championship class light heavyweight. After several weeks of burning up long-distance phone lines with Griffith's long-time manager and guru, Gil Clancy, I finally managed to obtain an interview date. Tuxedo not mandatory.

Despite what you read about big-name fighters doing their training in the lush, snow-laden Catskill resorts or in the glitter palaces of Las Vegas, be not misdirected. Most fighters, from contenders through Peter Popovers, do their training in places like the Solar Sporting Club. The Club is a fifth-floor loft gym on West 28th Street, in the bustle of Manhattan's garment district. Your first impression of it is that it is not only a place where fighters must wait their turns to skip rope, spar, and punch the bag, they must also wait their turns to breathe fresh air. It takes a while to get used to the density of so many overexerted human carcasses.

But it is here, for years, that Gil Clancy has trained his entire stable of fighters. No particular magic about the place. . .until Emile Griffith stepped into the sparring ring. Every other fighter in the Solar suddenly reduced his workout to half-speed, so each could sneak a peek at Emile without getting fat in the meantime. To stop entirely would attract even more attention. Heads turned and eyeballs strained at what at first glance to me looked like an odd little man with shoulders that seem more suited to a heavyweight and a bald spot that seemed more suited to your neighborhood cigar maker.

I watched Emile Griffith go through the routine paces of sparring drill, going through mild inner culture shock. I was roughly five years old when he turned professional, and for over ten years I had been following him on the small screen. I remembered the first time I saw him in action (TV), when he tore apart Nino Benvenuti in the second of their three bouts. Then came September 1971. The old Italian order had passed, and the Argentine era had begun. Carlos Monzon

Then middleweight champ Emile Griffith is congratulated by Johnny Addie back in 1967 after a successful title defense against Joey Archer.

was making what the knowing ones described as a "courtesy" defense against Griffith, who while still a force in the division, had not had a really good win since forcing a washed-up (so they said) Dick Tiger into retirement the previous year.

That was the night that Emile Griffith first started to look old. He was 32, he had held his own for ten rounds, and then he had wilted. In Round 14, Monzon pinned him in a corner for two minutes and subjected him to a heavy bombardment. Griffith wasn't seriously hurt, but it also didn't look like he would ever get out of that corner. So it was stopped, Monzon won by TKO14, and Griffith was a knockout loser for the second (and last) time in his career.

That was when the retirement rumors began, and I knew that Emile would never be champ again after that fight. And for the first of many times, he was "invited" to retire—the "knowing ones" insisting that since he would never get one more shot at a title, he shouldn't go on like Ray Robinson or others did, fighting in places like Pittsfield, Mass., and showing only an occasional flash.

Well, as I continued to watch him, it was seven years later and the 39-year-old Griffith had not retired. And he did not receive one more title shot. . .he received two. He had lost over fifteen rounds in a rematch with Monzon, and over the same route for what then half of the junior middleweight title owned by Germany's Eckhard Dagge. But it had been a moral victory. Many people, myself included, figured Emile as the winner in both contests. And he was undiscouraged by them. He had had bad patches during the 1972-1977 years, especially when he lost three in a row during 1973-1974 to Monzon and contenders Tony Licata and Tony Mundine. All the experts were insisting that at this stage, all Emile had left was guile.

Well, soon after that, Emile clambered into a Philadelphia ring and convincingly outboxed and outpointed Bennie Briscoe, the No. 1 contender who has made a career out of destroying other people's midsections. The wise guys were amazed at his resiliency. And later he lost a closie to Vito Antuofermo and then whipped a tough Baltimore nut, Leo Saenz. And by this time, both Licata and Mundine had parlayed their wins over Emile into their own title cracks at Mr. Monzon. Whether winner or loser, each Griffith fight seemed to be destined to have a certain importance attached to it.

During these years, Emile seemed to be at his best against those young fellas—you know, those No. 7 or 8 contenders who maybe trained hard anyway, but hopped into the ring thinking they were facing a guy more faded than last summer's bleached laundry. And, as I sat before my TV set, I witnessed a great number of these fresh-alecks leaving the ring a bit sadder and certainly smarter than when they entered it. Down went the Nate Collins' and the Art Hernandez's and the Dickie DiVeronica's and the Andy Heilman's and the Danny McAloon's and the Doyle Baird's. And up in prestige went Emile Griffith.

While I watched Emile work out, I peppered Gil Clancy with a few pointed questions. Clancy is at least ONE of the best managers in the business, and he is certainly the loudest. Of course, the premier one was why he kept a then 39-year-old ex-champ fighting, hopscotching from U.S.A. shores to Europe to another fighter's backyard, compiling a record that was only slightly

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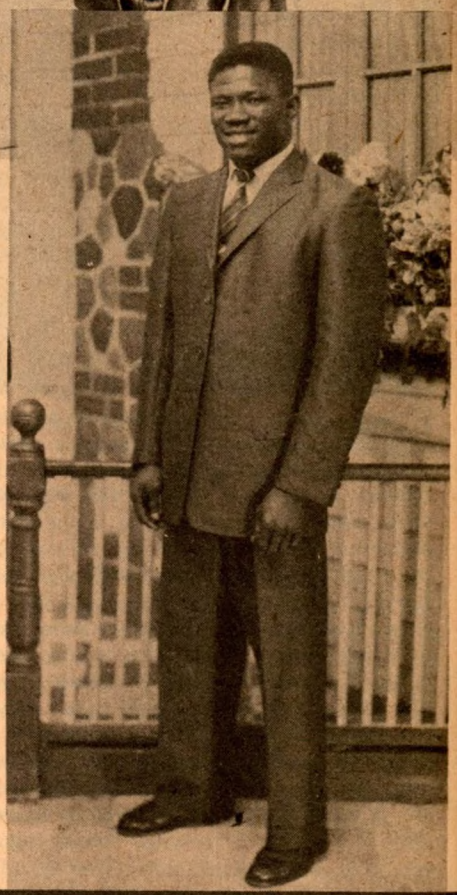
(Above) On the eve of Emile Griffith's 39th birthday, on February 2, 1977, he took a 10 round decision over Christy Elliott in New York. (Right) Griffith's handlers parade him in victory after he beat Dick Tiger to become the third welterweight in boxing history to win the middleweight title. (Below right) Emile at 21.

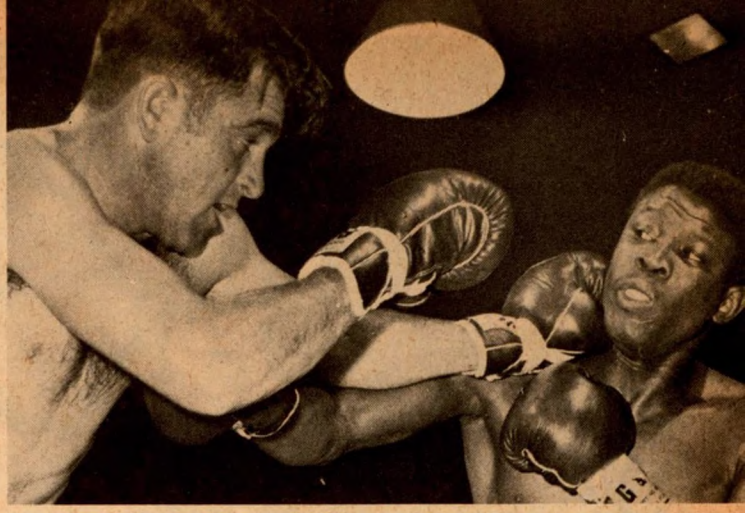


FIVE TIME WELTER AND MIDDLEWEIGHT KING EMILE GRIFFITH HAS HUNG UP HIS GLOVES AFTER ALMOST 20 YEARS IN PRO BOXING.

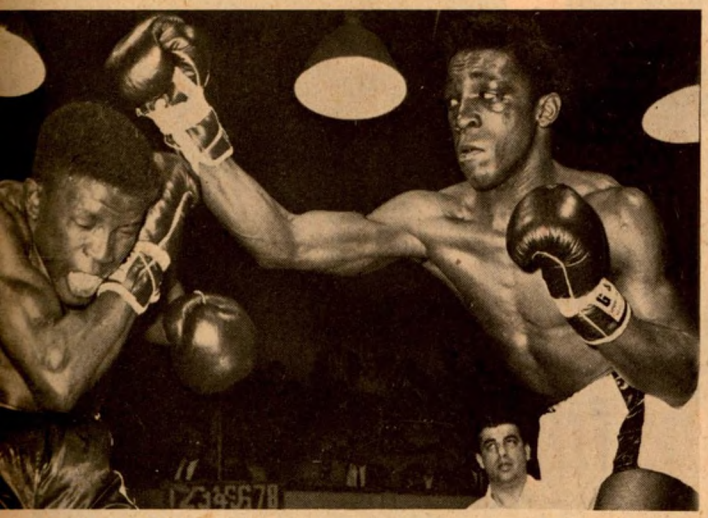
By TRUDIE LOUBET

Photo Story: An Emile Griffith Retrospective

A young Emile seems to be having a hard time with his choice, but it's unlikely anyone disputed the final decision.

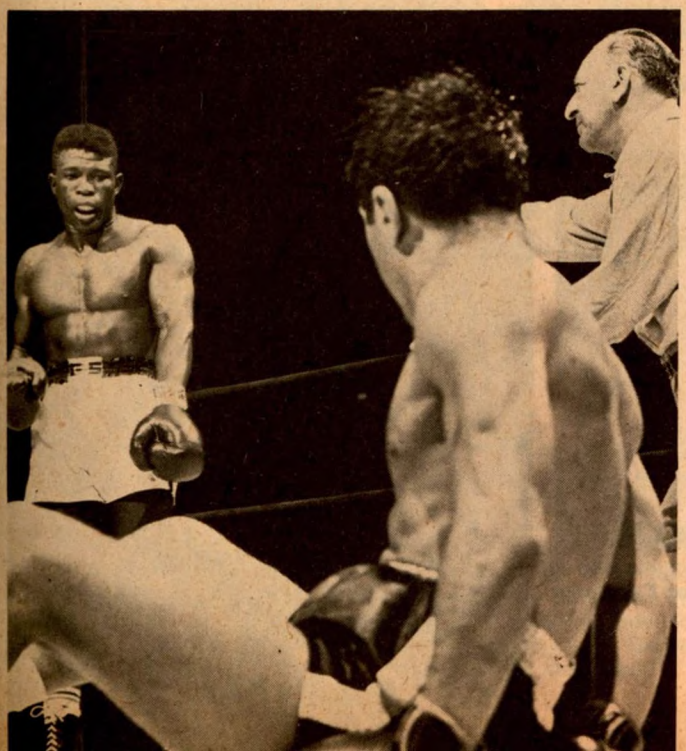


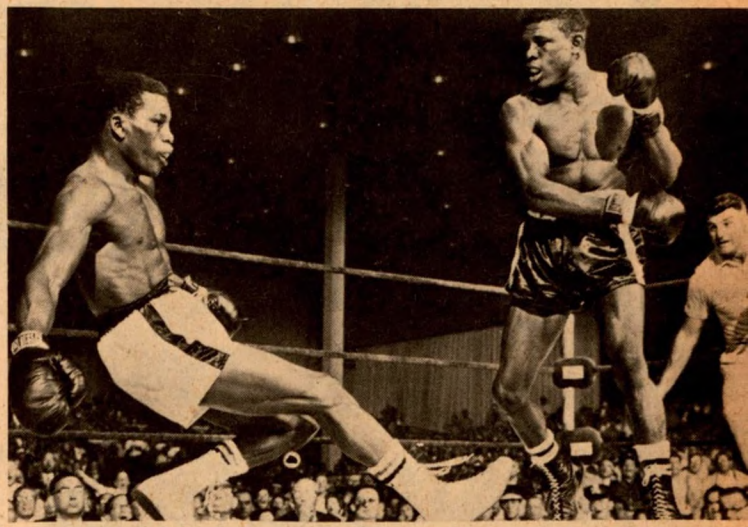
Texan Mel Barker, left, hung on for the full ten rounds when he and Griffith faced one another in New York on April 27, 1959, but Emile came away with a unanimous nod.



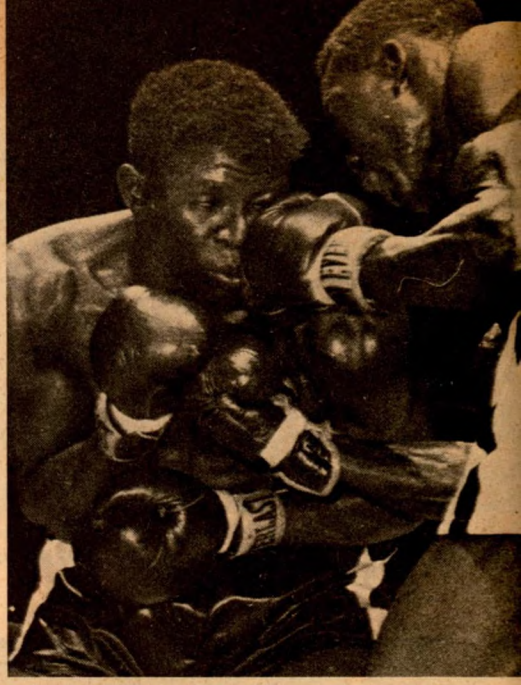
(Above) Griffith ducks to avoid a right thrown by Boston's Willie Stevenson in the course of their May 25, 1959 New York fight. Griffith took the nod over ten rounds.

(Above) Ray Lancaster, left, was taken out in the seventh round when he and Griffith, right, squared off in New York on November 23, 1959.

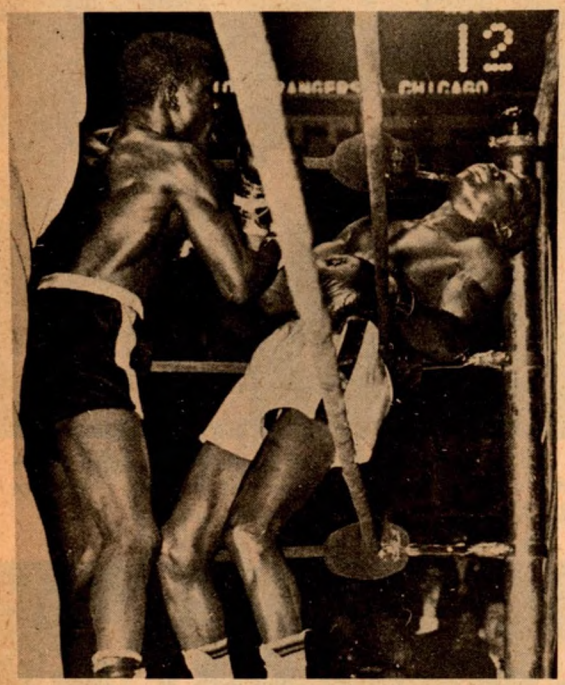




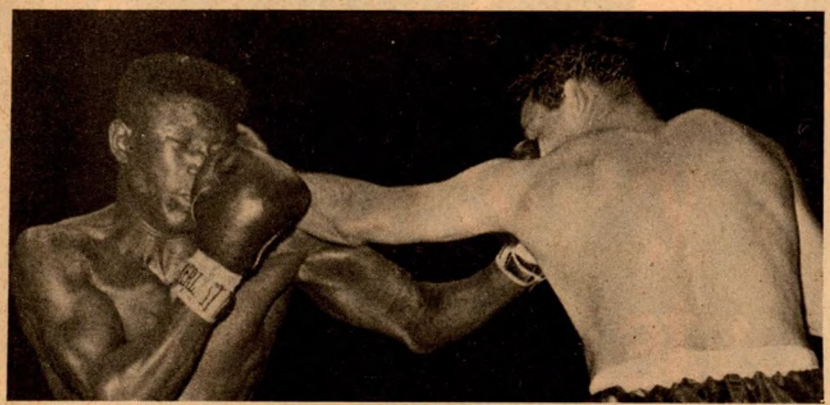
(Left) Willie Toweel hits the deck in round eight as referee Al Berl moves towards Griffith, Berl stopped the New York fight and awarded it to Griffith. The date was October 22, 1960. (Above) On April 1, 1961, Emile Griffith won the welterweight title when he KO'd Benny Paret in the 13th round of their Miami title bout.

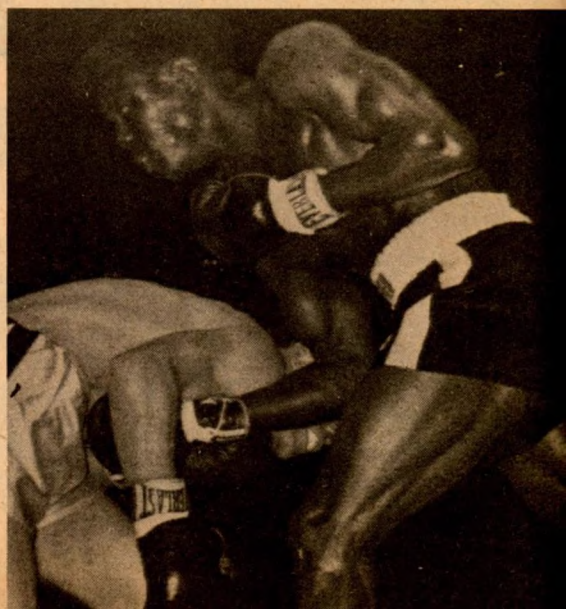


Griffith successfully defended his welter title against Mexico's Gaspar Ortega, right, on June 3, 1961, with a 12th round KO, but then lost the crown back to Paret (right) in their return bout in New York on September 30, 1961, when the Cuban won a split decision.



(Left) The third meeting between Griffith and Paret, right, proved fatal for the Cuban. Paret was KO'd in the 12th round on March 24, 1962, and died on April 3. (Above) Griffith talks to then press agent John Condon as Emile awaited news of brain surgery on Paret. Paret's death was a terrible blow to the New York boxer.



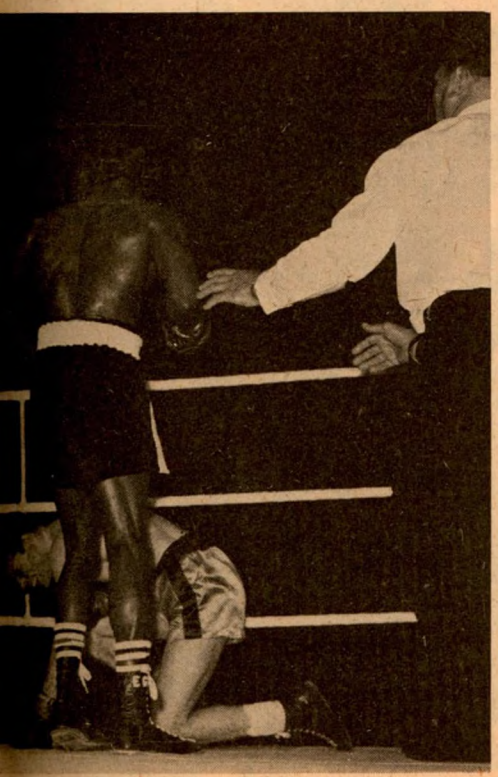


Ralph Dupas (above) and Jorge Fernandez (right) challenged Griffith for his title in the months following the Paret tragedy. Fernandez lost via KO in nine on December 8 in Las Vegas, and Dupas lost a nod on July 13 in the same venue.

Luis Rodriguez and Griffith squared off twice in 1963. (Left) On March 21 Rodriguez, left, took the welter crown with a one round decision, but lost it back to Emile (right) on June 8, again via decision.

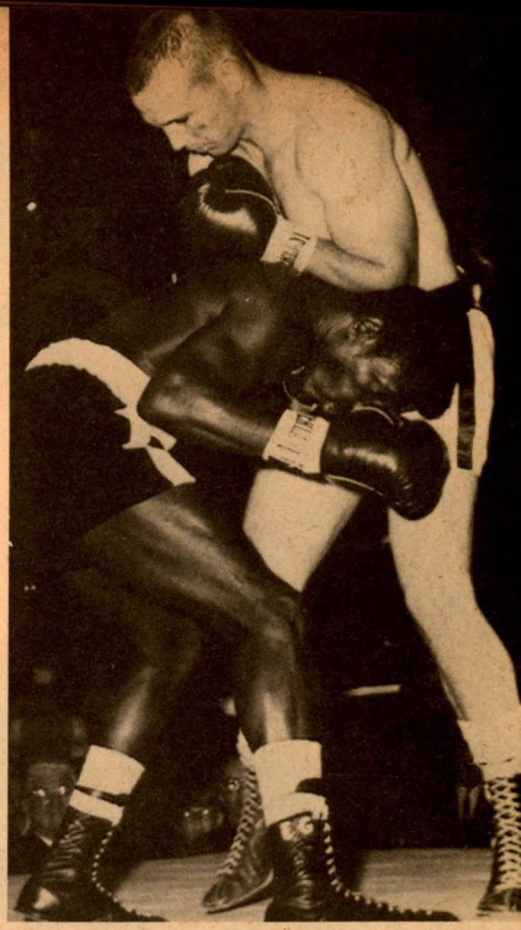
Griffith was decked twice by Rubin (Hurricane) Carter. Carter, a middleweight contender at the time, was named victor of the December 20, 1963, Pittsburgh bout.

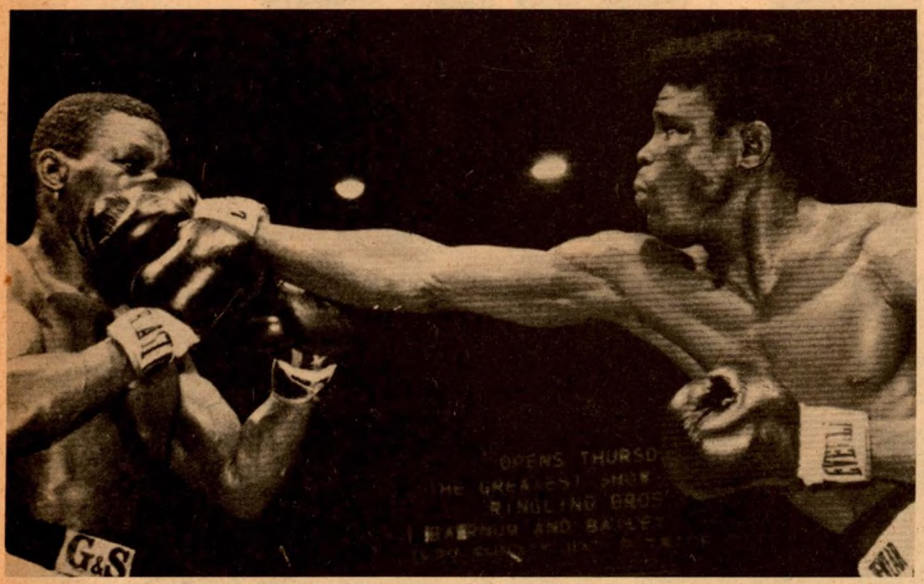
(Left) Griffith was awarded the Edward J. Neil Award for "Outstanding Service to Boxing" in 1964. (Below) Then welter king, Griffith was presented with The Ring championship belt in May 1964.



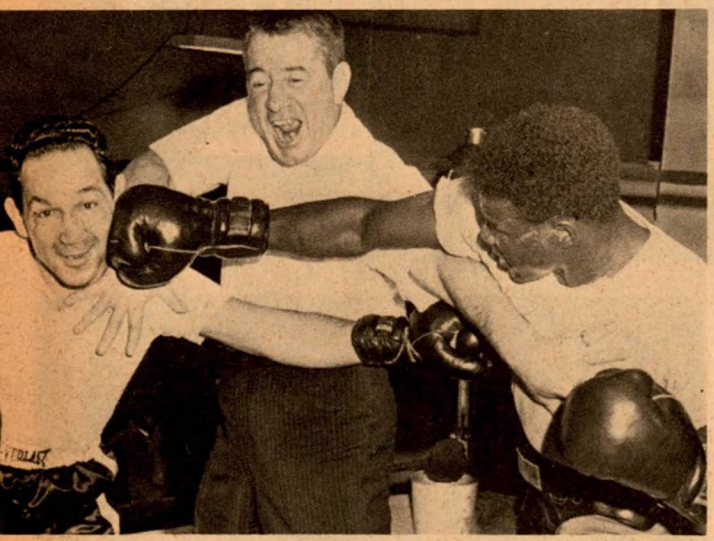
Griffith outclassed both Luis Rodriguez (right) and Brian Curvis (left) over 15 rounds in 1964. Emile faced Rodriguez for the third time in New York on June 12, and Curvis on September 22 in London.

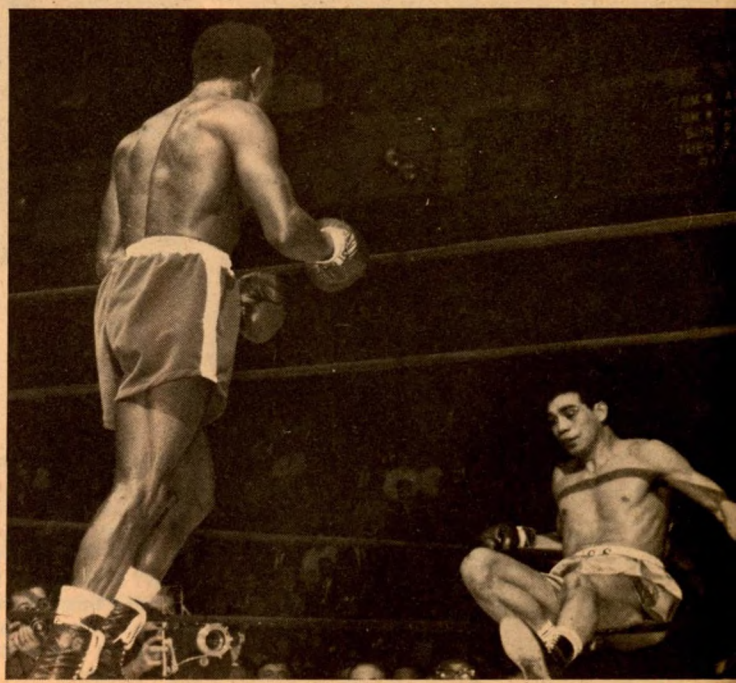
(Left) Emile Griffith, left, and his friend heavyweight Joe Frazier do a little jamming. is music in Emile's future now that he's retiring?"



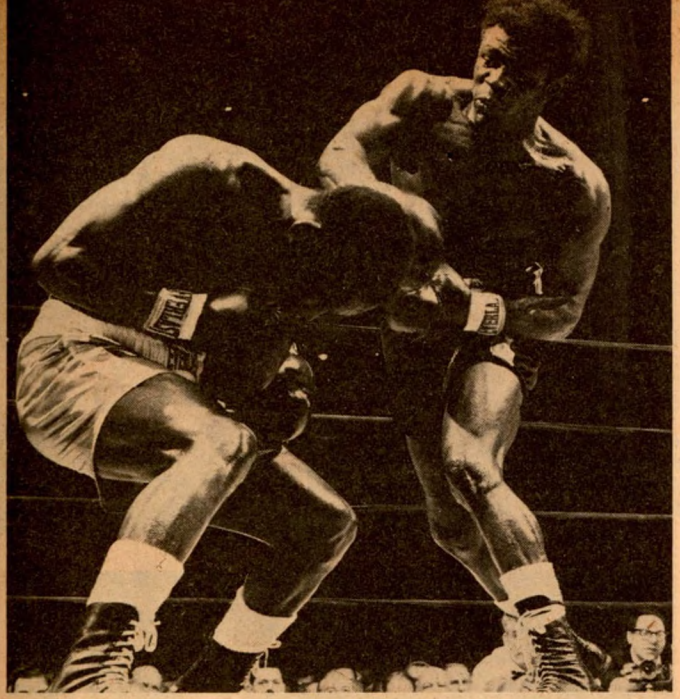


(Above) Don Fullmer made good use of his seven pound weight advantage to win a unanimous decision over Griffith in their August 20, 1965, middleweight bout. (Left) Griffith went right along defending his welter title while he waited for the middleweight crown to come his way. Jose Stable, left, lost over 15 to Griffith on March 30, 1965, in New York.





(Above) Rocky Graziano "referees" as former feather king Willie Pep, left, and Griffith "spar" while Emile was in training for his fight with Manuel Gonzales. (Right) Gonzalez, against the ropes, lost over 15, in the New York welter title bout.

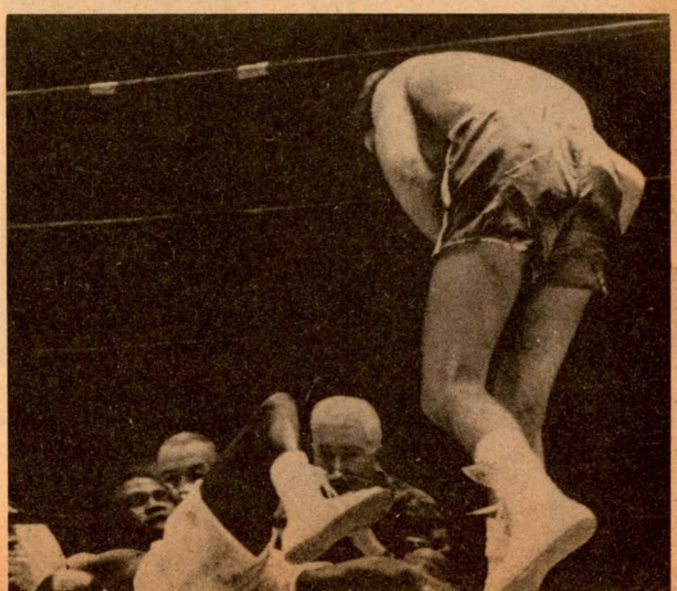


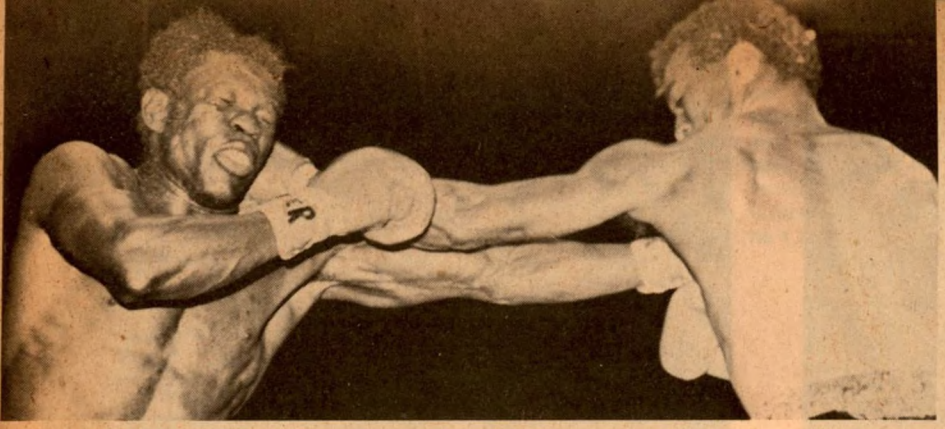
(Above) Griffith, right, floored middleweight champ Dick Tiger for the first time in his pro career and went on the take the middleweight crown over 15 rounds an April 25, 1966, in New York.

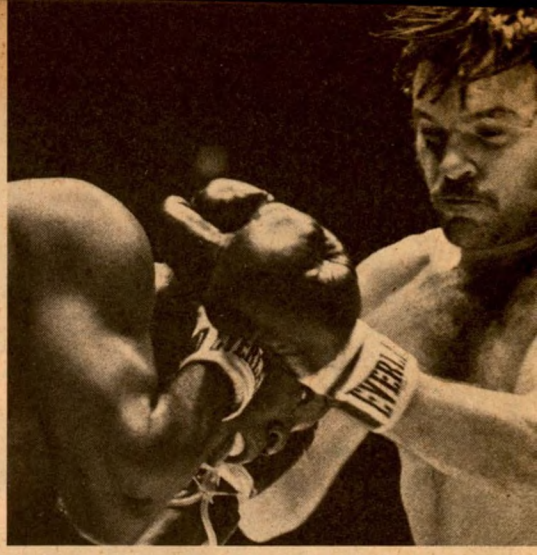
On April 17, 1967, Italy's Nino Benvenuti outclassed and outpunched Griffith at Madison Square Garden to take a unanimous decision and the world middleweight title.

Emile re-won the title five months later in New York (left) over 15, but Griffith lost the middleweight title to Nino for good (right) on March 4, 1968, over 15 in New York.

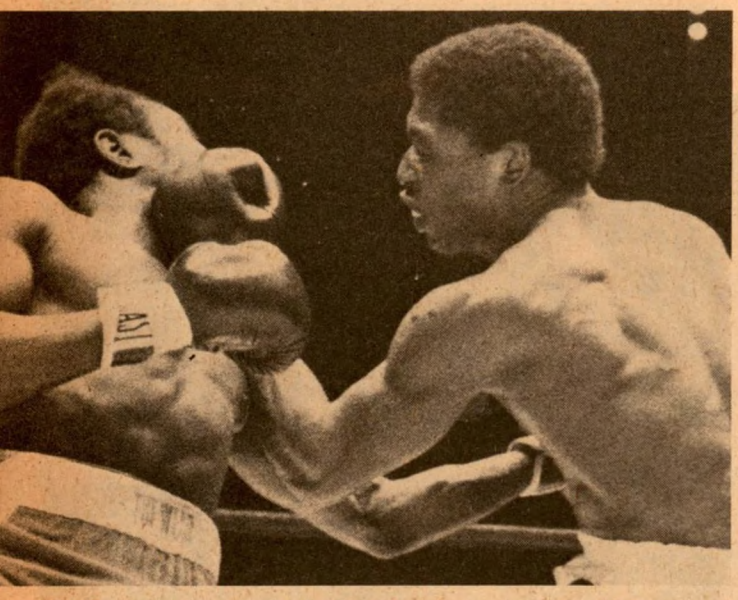
(Above) The first middle title defense was against Joey Archer, left, on July 13, 1966, which went 15 in Griffith's favor. (Below) There's more than one way to keep in shape, and Emile would need any edge he could get in his next bout, with Benvenuti.



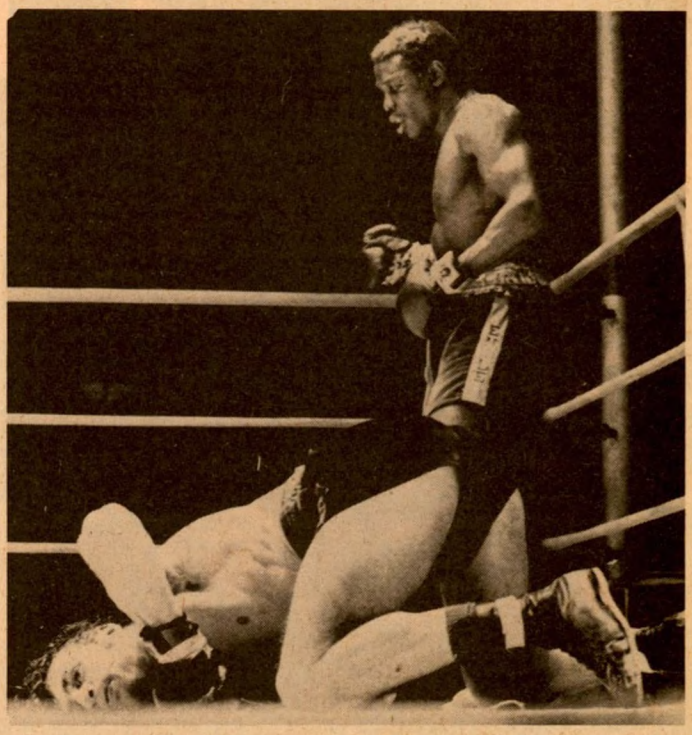




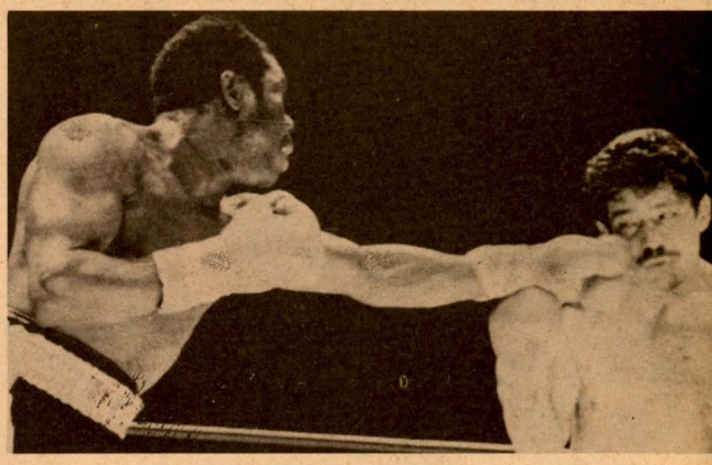
(Above) Now titleless, Griffith made a bid for the welter title held by Jose Napoles, right, on October 18, 1969, in Los Angeles. From this point on Emile was continually challenging for titles he would not win. (Right) On December 10, 1971, Griffith pounded his way to a unanimous 10 round decision against Danny McAloon, right, in New York.



On the "comeback trail," Griffith beat Trinidad's Carlos Mark (above) and Denmark's Tom Boggs (right) on March 11 and June 4, 1970, respectively. Both were points wins, the Mark fight being a 12 rounder, Boggs, a tener.



Two ex-champs, Dick Tiger, left, and Emile Griffith face each other one more time on July 15, 1970, in New York. Griffith took a 10 round nod.



San Francisco, March 23, 1971, and Griffith scores another win, this one against Mexico's Rafael Gutierrez, over 10.

Heavyweight Joe Frazier keeps the rain off Emile Griffith and his new bride, the former Mercedes Donastorg, as the couple leaves St Peter's Church in Monticello, New York, on May 8, 1971.

(Above) Carlos Monzon, left, successfully defended his world middle title against Griffith on September 25, 1971, in Buenos Aires with a 14th round KO. (Below) Emile fought Ernie Lopez to a 10 round split decision on May 3, 1971, in Las Vegas.

(Above) on September 16, 1972, Griffith beat Joe DeNucci via a 10 round split decision in Boston, but three months later, on December 18, Emile lost to Jean-Claude Bouttier (right) in Paris when low punches disqualified the former champ in the seventh round.

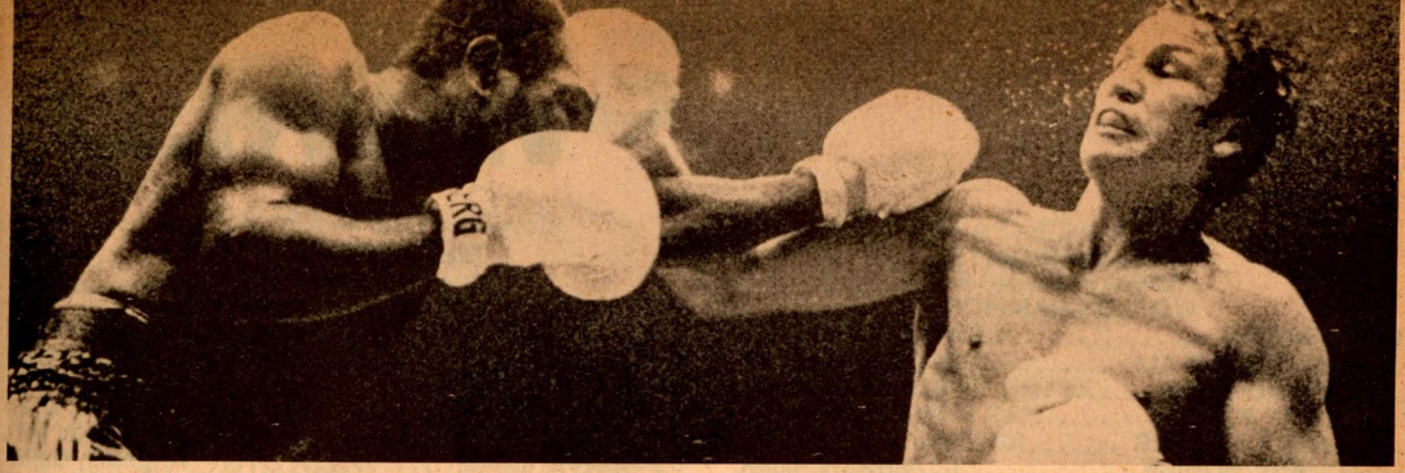
(Above) Griffith, now 35 years old, got a second shot at Carlos Monzon's world title on June 2, 1973, in Monte Carlo. The fight went the full 15 rounds, but Monzon kept his crown.

26-year-old Donato Paduano, Montreal, may have thought the aging Griffith would be an easy win, but found out differently when Emile took a 10 round decision on December 10, 1974, in Montreal.

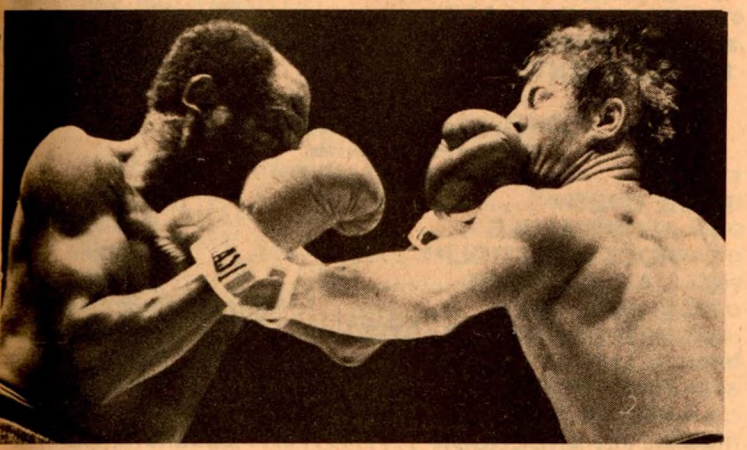
In a fight billed as an American Championship title contest, New Orlean's Tony Licata, left, decisioned Emile over 12 rounds in Boston, on February 5, 1974.

(Above) Another young fighter tests his mettle against the once great Griffith and comes away a little wiser. Leo Saenz lost over 10 to Emile in Landover, Md., on July 23, 1975.

(Left) A nod for Griffith, this one over 10 against Jose Chirino in Albany, on November 7, 1975.

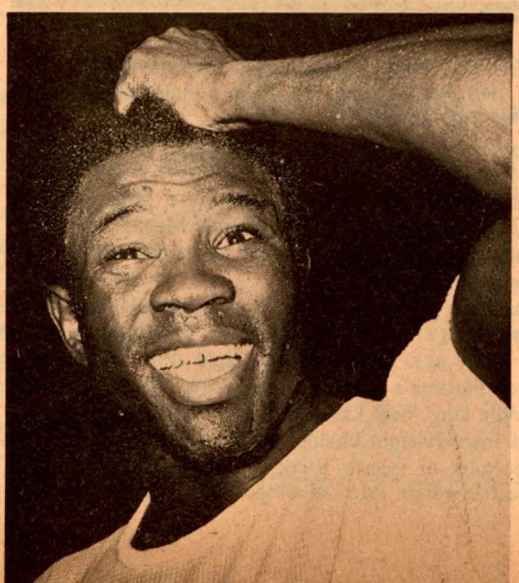


Griffith took a shot at Eckhard Dagge's WBC Jr. middle title on September 18, 1976, in Berlin, and although Emile lost the decision, he looked good enough for many to say he should have gotten the nod.



(Above) Griffith, left, and Christy Elliott trade punches in their Madison Square Garden bout this past year. Elliott was surprised how tough Emile still was. (Right) The last fight of Griffith's career came in July 1977 when he was beaten by Englands EBU middleweight champ, Alan Minter, over 10 rounds.

(Left) Emile's mother, Emelda, seen rooting for her son, exhibits some of the zeal Emile was known for. Boxing will miss Emile Griffith (below right), a man who loved boxing as a sport and respected it as a profession.



WORLD RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LEON SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1—MUHAMMAD ALI ..... Chicago, Ill.
2—KEN NORTON† ..... San Diego, Calif.
3—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4—LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
5—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
6—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
7—EARNIE SHAVERS ..... Warren, Ohio
8—KALLIE KNOETZEE ..... South Africa
9—ALFREDO EVANGELISTA ..... Spain
10—GERRY COETZEE ..... South Africa

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
3—MIKE ROSSMAN† ..... Turnesville, N.J.
4—MATE PARLOV** ..... Yugoslavia
5—ALVARO LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
6—MIGUEL CUELLO ..... Argentina
7—RICHIE KATES ..... Brighton, N.J.
8—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Kalamazoo, Mich.
9—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
10—EDDIE GREGORY ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RODRIGO VALDES ..... Colombia
1—MARVIN HAGLER† ..... Brockton, Mass.
2—RONNIE HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
3—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
4—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—DAVID LOVE ..... Angeles, Calif.
6—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
7—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
8—EDGAR WALLACE ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
9—TOM CHIAVERINI ..... Kansas City, Mo.
10—ALAN MINTER ..... England

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EDDIE GAZO* ..... Nicaragua
1—AYUB KALULE ..... Uganda
2—ROCKY MATTIOLI** ..... Australia
3—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
4—ELISHA OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas
5—MIGUEL ANGEL CASTELLINI ..... Argentina
6—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
7—BILLY BACKUS† ..... Germany
8—EDGAR ROSS ..... Orlando, Fla.
9—ALVIN ANDERSON ..... Baltimore, Md.
10—RAY PHILLIPS ..... Dallas, Texas

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
2—RANDY SHIELDS† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
4—PETE RANZANY ..... Sacramento, Calif.
5—FLOYD MAYWEATHER ..... Detroit, Mich.
6—ARMANDO MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
8—EVERALDO COSTA AZEVEDO ..... Argentina
9—BRUCE CURRY ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—JOSE FIGUEROA ..... Mexico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFRED BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
1—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
2—ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
3—MONROE BROOKS† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
5—LAURIE AUSTIN ..... Australia
6—DAVID GREEN ..... England
7—HECTOR THOMPSON ..... Australia
8—JIMMY HEAIR ..... Memphis, Tenn.
9—JOE KIMPUANI ..... Zaire
10—TONY PETRONELLI ..... Brockton, Mass.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN ..... Panama
1—ANDREW GANIGAN† ..... Honolulu, Hawaii
2—ESTEBAN DeJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
3—VICENTE SALDIVAR ..... Mexico
4—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
5—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico
6—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
7—JIM WATT ..... Scotland
8—TERMITE WATKINS ..... Houston, Texas
9—JOSUE MARQUEZ ..... Puerto Rico
10—ANTONIO GUINALDO ..... Spain

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALEXIS ARGUELLO** ..... Nicaragua
2—ALFREDO ESCALERA† ..... Puerto Rico
3—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
4—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
5—FRANK BALTAZAR ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—ALFREDO PITALUA ..... Colombia
7—ARTURO LEON ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
8—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—WARREN MATTHEWS ..... New Orleans, La.
10—ROY HERNANDEZ ..... San Antonio, Texas

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—DANNY LOPEZ** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—RUBEN CASTILLO ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
3—DAVID POISON KOTEY ..... Ghana
4—CECILIO LASTRA* ..... Spain
5—RAFAEL ORTEGA ..... Panama
6—MIKE AYALA ..... San Antonio, Texas
7—RICHARD ROZELLE ..... Columbia, Ohio
8—LIONEL HERNANDEZ ..... Venezuela
9—SOO HWAN HONG ..... South Korea
10—ROBERTO CASTANON ..... Spain

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* ..... Mexico
1—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ† ..... Puerto Rico
3—ALFONSO ZAMORA ..... Mexico
4—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
5—FRANCO ZURLO ..... Italy
6—ROBERTO RUVALDINO ..... Mexico
7—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
8—ALBERTO DAVILA ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—LUPE PINTOR ..... Mexico
10—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Merida, Mexico
1—GUTTY ESPADAS* ..... Mexico
2—LUIS ESTABA ..... Venezuela
3—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
4—AL SANDOVAL† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
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7—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezuela
8—FRANCO UDELLA ..... Italy
9—FREDDY HERNANDEZ ..... Colombia
10—PATRICK MAMBRWE ..... Zambia

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAME	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Richard Roy Sparta, N.J.	5/77	6	6	0	0	4
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Pat Cuillo Lockport, L.I., N.Y.	8/75	7	7	0	0	6
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
O'Dell Leonard Baltimore, Md.	12/76	6	6	0	0	1
WELTERWEIGHT						
Jimmy Rothwell Philadelphia, Pa.	9/75	12	12	0	0	5

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Reynaldo Zaragoza Stockton, Calif.	3/76	12	11	0	1	7
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Eddie Freeman Memphis, Tenn.	5/75	19	18	1	0	14
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Paterson Marin Puerto Rico	10/77	3	2	0	1	0
FLYWEIGHT						
D.C. Cunningham Cincinnati, Ohio	5/77	4	4	0	0	2

LEON SPINKS
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THE new world heavyweight king according to the WBA and WBC is Leon Spinks. He beat Muhammad Ali in a major upset in Las Vegas, Nevada for Top Honors.

Runners-up for the month: flyweight king Migel Canto, who beat Shoji Oguma, 15 rounds, in defense of his world flyweight crown; Mate Parlov, Yugoslavia, who kayoed Argentina's Miguel Cuello, to win the WBC light heavy title, and Shengsak Muangsurin, Thailand, who retained his WBC junior welter crown via a kayo over Zaire's Jo Kimpuani.

Gutty Espadas held on to his WBA flyweight title with a 15 round nod over Japan's Kimio Furesawa in Tokyo; Soo Hwan Hong won the WBA new junior featherweight title, with a three round kayo over Panama's Hector Carrasquilla; Rocky Mattioli, WBC junior middle king, beat Larry Paul in a non-title contest.

Former world featherweight champ Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, kayoed Enrique Solis of Puerto Rico; Roberto Castanon, Spain, won the EBU featherweight title, kayoing fellow countryman Manuel Masso in eleven; Ayub Kalule, Uganda, fighting out of Denmark outpointed Baltimore's Ralph Palladin in ten.

The light heavyweights: Miguel Cuello's defeat to Parlov dropped him from two to six, while Mate went from nine to four. Conteh and Rossman both move up with Cuello's drop. Alvaro Lopez moved up from seven to five. He kayoed Clarence Geigger.

Ronnie Harris moved from three to two with a win over Cliff Wills. Edgar Wallace went from nine to eight, having beaten Vicente Medina, while Chiaverini went from ten to nine with his kayo of Chuchu Garcia.

Junior middles: Kalule moved from two to one, while Mattioli went from four to two. Germany's Frank Wissenbach kayoed Larry Paul to move from nine to six, as Alvin Anderson fell from six to nine.

Randy Shields moved up in the welters, due to Ranzany's loss to Muniz. Pete is now four, while Muniz goes to six. Weston moves up one spot because of Ranzany's defeat. Gray

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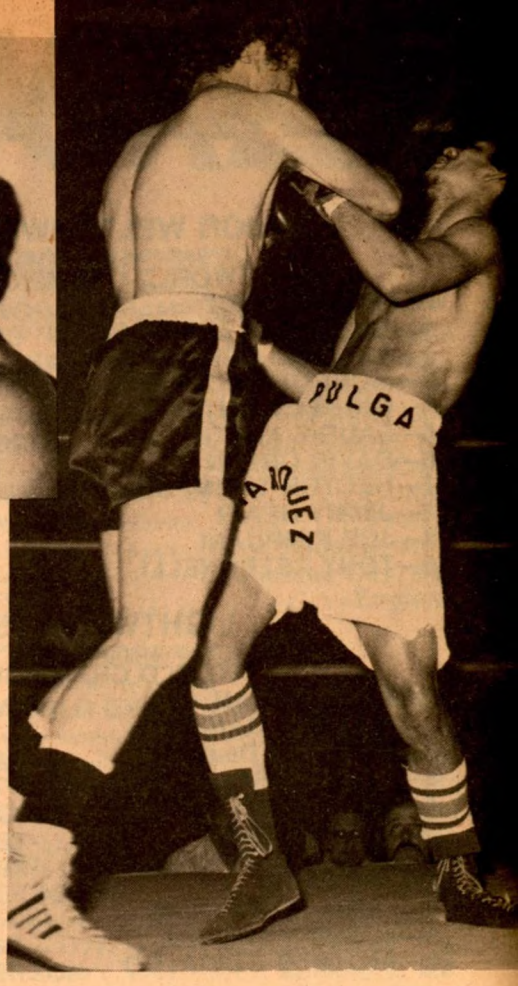

(Left) Willie Whipple slips a Collazo right hand in what was Collazo's first pro fight. He lost to Whipple by one point. (Above) Jr. lightweight Alberto Collazo. (Right) Collazo's dynamite-laden right hand finds the chin of Benny Marquez, sending him reeling.

Jr. Light Collazo Wants To Be Tops and Much More

By THOMAS JACOBS

THE fighters milled around almost aimlessly. There was the usual amount of chatter—to call it conversation hardly seems fitting—that takes place when a group of men gather to talk of the weather, of women, of work. The doctor had been delayed and the weigh-in was not on schedule, so part of the banter was concerned with the medico's reliability in case of an emergency.

Off in a corner of the gym a young man stood, somewhat aloof, patiently waiting. Dressed in a denim jump suit, he could have passed for any one of the natty sportscasters from the local TV outlets. Only when promoter Ed Sweeney called, "Alberto," was that seeming aloofness broken. His matinee-idol face broke into a wide grin, and he sauntered over to where the promoter waited to introduce him to a sportswriter.

Alberto Collazo, a junior lightweight, looks like an athlete. There is no mistaking the easy gait with which he walks; an observer cannot but notice the heavily muscled shoulders and biceps, the powerful neck. Even Alberto's finely chiseled face attests to the athletic gracefulness the young man from Pittsburgh possesses. And, it is not by accident that these elements of athletic ability are found in such abundance in Alberto Collazo. His trainer, Frank DiLeo, shed some light on the formula that adds up to Alberto Collazo.

"Alberto is one of the new breed of boxers. He's concerned with more than just winning. I guess a good portion of this attitude comes directly from the Ali influence, and many of the young boxers today pay attention to things like style, appearance, intelligence. They want to win, but they also want to look good winning—and they want to leave boxing better than when they came in. They train with this in mind," said DiLeo.

Collazo, of Puerto Rican extraction, goes about his training in a fashion that is somewhat different from other fighters' procedures. Since he works heavy construction each day—"Swinging a pick and shovel is good for hard punching"—weight work is minimized. Instead, Alberto runs. . .and runs. . .and runs. He runs so much and so well that he is planning on entering the 1978 Boston Marathon. He was a distance runner in high school and holds several records for the 26-kilometer race in his native land.

Collazo's training—at least the sparring end of it—became a problem. It was impossible for him to find sparring partners in his hometown of Pittsburgh. In desperation, acting on information garnered from a relative of a boxing associate, Collazo journeyed to Cleveland. There he met Ed Sweeney, inventor of the Soctron computer scoring system and an active promoter. A business association was formed. Alberto started to train in Sweeney's gym and, quite naturally, began to appear on Sweeney's fight cards.

He made his professional debut on September 15, 1976. It was a four-round bout against another neophyte, Willie Whipple of Youngstown. It was one of the best contests ever presented in the Soctron series, and Whipple came away the winner of a one-point decision. Since that first fight, Collazo has marched through nine straight opponents—six by KO.

Most of those opponents hit the canvas as a result of Alberto's right hand. It is, by far,

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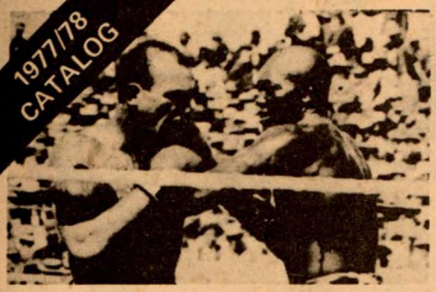

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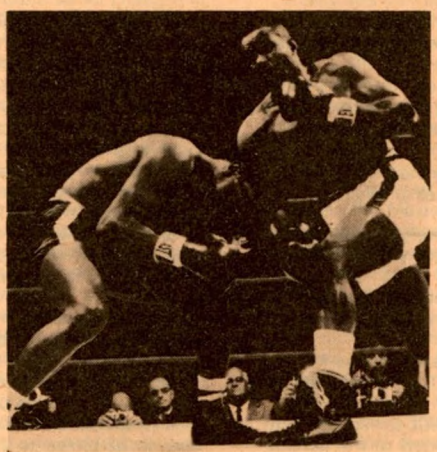

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END OF AN ERA-- SPINKS IS HEAVY CHAMP!

BY SHIRLEY NORMAN

Leon Spinks shouts to the rooftop as he and his entourage hear the split decision making him the world heavyweight champion after fifteen rounds against Muhammad Ali.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA — In an incredible night of fistic history, Leon Spinks snatched the world heavyweight title away from the legend that was Muhammad Ali.

The 24-year-old, 197¼ pound Spinks, fighting his eighth professional bout, outran, outpunched and outfought the aging 36-year-old, 224¼ pound champion. Spinks emerged from their 15-round title bout with a split decision and the world heavyweight title.

This was the stunning climax of a Cinderella story for the 24-year-old ex-Marine who rocketed from a St. Louis ghetto to fame as an Olympic Gold Medal winner in 1976.

The Spinks victory was the greatest upset in heavyweight history since the man then called Cassius Clay took the title from Sonny Liston in Miami on February 25, 1964.

It was the fourth time in history that the heavyweight championship has changed hands on a decision. The first time was in 1926, when Gene Tunney outpointed Jack Dempsey for the title.

The sell-out crowd of over 5,000 at the Hilton Pavillion was in near hysteria as ring announcer Chuck Hall proclaimed: "The winner and new world heavyweight champion--Leon Spinks".

The "Spinks Jinx" was in action from the opening bell. Leon sprang from his corner, jabbing furiously at Ali's head. Ali resorted to the familiar tactics: covering up, dancing away, and teasing his opponent with his long left jabs.

Throughout the fight, Ali resorted to his famous rope-a-dope. However, Leon Spinks was no George Foreman; and only in the middle rounds did the challenger give any evidence of tiring. The usual Ali tactics were slow, clumsy and ineffectual. The butterfly did not float--it shuffled. The bee did not sting--it merely buzzed.

Ali danced his way through the third round, with Spinks constantly chasing him around the ring. Ali found himself in the corner, covering up with both fists. He emerged from the corner with a series of long left jabs, immediately countered by Spinks' more potent punches.

Spinks proved to be a master at ducking punches throughout the fight and several of the Ali jabs missed their mark.

Ali's mouth was bloodied in the fourth round, causing massive swelling. By the fifth round, the champion began taunting and talking to his opponent. The clowning resulted in a brutal left thrown by Spinks to Ali's head.

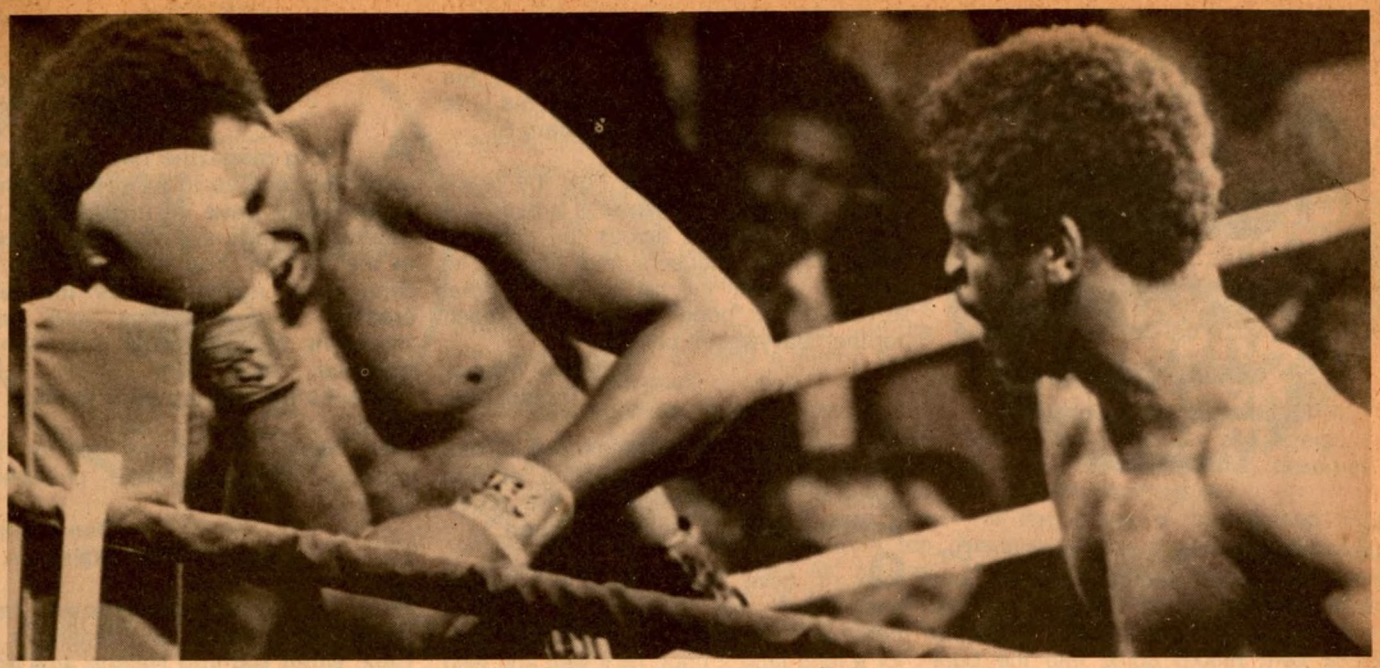
Spinks began punching to Ali's body by the sixth round and the champ was thrown back to the ropes, momentarily.

The seventh round saw the champion and the challenger tagging each other around the ring, with Spinks ducking most of Ali's blows and countering with his own left-right combinations to the head.

Ali was pushed to the ropes again in the eighth round, as Spinks swung a series of blows to his body. Ali countered with combinations to the challenger's head.

The ninth round saw Spinks let go with some brutal right hooks to Ali's head and body, while Ali countered with similar tactics.

(Below Left) Muhammad hooks a left to side of Leon's head in first round action. The fight was held in Las Vegas Hilton Pavilion. (Below Right) Ali grimaces as he starts a right to the challenger's head during seventh round action.



The champion covers up and bends back over the ropes before the advance of Spinks, who scored one of the biggest upsets in the history of boxing. It was only Leon's eighth professional fight.

A wild exchange of punches marked the tenth round as Ali charged at Spinks, pinning him to the ropes. Spinks charged back and Ali reverted to his familiar rope-a-dope.

The eleventh round saw the fighters again chase each other around the ring. Ali reverted to the rope-a-dope and then to some head shots at his opponent. Spinks countered with blockbuster punches to Ali's head and jaw.

The eleventh was probably Muhammad Ali's best round of the bout and the frenzied crowd began shouting: "Ali - Ali - Ali". However, the twelfth round saw Spinks back in command, as he ducked most of Ali's left jabs to his head. There was a constant flurry of punches between the two men.

The thirteenth and fourteenth rounds were more of the same: Ali dancing away, Spinks chasing after him, and Ali covering up against the ropes. Spinks managed several brutal right uppercuts during the latter rounds.

The sentiment of the crowd switched to Spinks by the fourteenth round--and the fickle fans began to shout: "Leon - Leon - Leon".

The fifteenth round was a study in fury as the fighters engaged in some fierce exchanges of body blows. Spinks was momentarily staggered by a left to the head, Ali took Spinks to the ropes, and Spinks took Ali to the corner as the bell sounded for the final round.

The scoring read: Judge Harold Buck, 144-141, Spinks; Judge Lou Tabat, 145-140, Spinks, and Judge Art Lurie, 143-142, Ali. (Lurie,incidentally, was the one dissenting judge in scoring the Norton-Young title elimination bout). Under Nevada rules, referee David Pearl did not score the fight.

At the post-fight press conference, the new champion and the old champion appeared to be the best of friends. Ali was in surprising good spirits as he announced: "If I had to lose the title, I'm glad I lost it to a real man like Leon. I didn't know he could fight like that. I know all you press people were surprised, and I'm glad he proved you all wrong. I was surprised myself and I was right in there in the ring. I should be sad, but I'm not. We're all gonna lose sometime in life. What I really kept feeling in this fight was age.

"But", concluded Muhammad Ali, "don't count me out yet. I'm gonna rest awhile and then I'm gonna come back. I'm gonna be the first champion in history to win the title three times!"

Leon Spinks, the new champion, took his startling victory with surprising calm. He uttered: "Tonight I won my second Gold . . .The first time was in the Olympics.

"I trained hard for this fight. I had to train hard to beat a great man, but I showed all you people who thought I couldn't beat the champion.

"Ali's the Greatest . .but I'm the latest. And the latest could turn into the Greatest .

"This was my dream," grinned Spinks in conclusion. "Tonight I realized my second dream. The first one was when I won the Gold Medal in the Olympics!"

In another title bout of the evening, Danny "Little Red" Lopez had no trouble retaining his world featherweight championship against David Kotey of Ghana.

Kotey, the man from whom Lopez wrested the title in 1976 in Ghana,appeared intent on revenge in the opening rounds. The African was the aggressor in the first two rounds, hitting with constant lefts and right uppercuts. Lopez was on the defensive, swinging with ineffective lefts. However, the third round saw Lopez take command, coming at Kotey with right cross and left hook combinations.

Kotey was hurt by a right uppercut in the fourth round and Lopez pressed his advantage with right and left hooks.

The 126-pound champion began working to his opponent's head and body in the fifth round; and Kotey's 125-pound body began to show the punishment.

Lopez put Kotey down in the sixth round with a left-right combination. Kotey beat the count, but was dazed and glassy-eyed as he staggered to the ropes. The fight was stopped at 1:18 of the sixth round by referee Ray Solis of Mexico.

No American or African officials were used in the Lopez-Kotey fight. Besides the Mexican referee, the judges were: Harry Gibbs of England, Waldemar Schmidt of Puerto Rico, and Piero Mendoz of Mexico.

Following his successful title defense, Lopez stated: "I knew from the beginning I could knock him out. He did hit me with two good punches in the second round, but I was never hurt at any time. In fact, this fight was a lot easier than the one in Ghana when I won the title from him".

An eight round light heavyweight preliminary saw the new champion's brother, Michael Spinks, take a unanimous decision from Tom "The Bomb"Bethea.

Spinks suffered a cut above the eye in the second round, but was not seriously hurt. Spinks held up for three rounds, then turned savage in the fourth round, swinging at Bethea with a flurry of punches.

Spinks managed several effective jabs and hooks through the middle rounds; and knocked Bethea's mouthpiece out in the seventh.

In the eighth round, both fighters came to life, and Bethea lunged at his opponent with lefts to the head and rights to the body. Spinks countered with several shots to the head.

The last two rounds saw both fighters jabbing, dancing and clinching.

All three judges scored the fight 40-32, in favor of Michael Spinks.

Following the Spinks-Bethea bout, Eddie Gregory, 176¼, stopped Jesse Burnett, 172, at 1:59 of the tenth round. Both fighters played a waiting game in the early rounds, marked by numerous clinches that kept referee Ferd Hernandez a busy man, while in the latter rounds, the two traded head and body shots, with Gregory becoming more and more the aggressor.

Near the end of the tenth round, Burnett was staggered and defenseless. The bout was stopped by the referee at 1:59 of the tenth round.

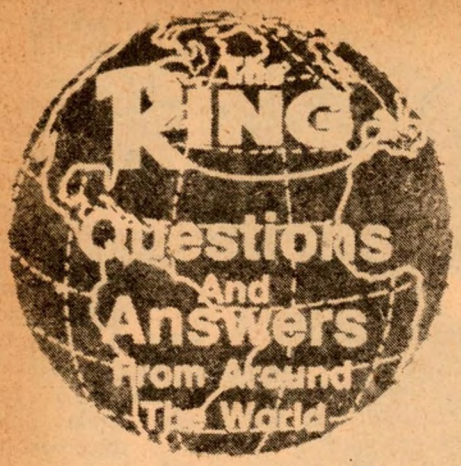
In the opening bout of the title card, English southpaw Alan Minter, 162, demolished Sandy Torres, 159, of Puerto Rico with a fifth round TKO. Although Torres was the aggressor in the opening round, pounding at Minter with a series of lefts, Minter countered with a left jab over his opponent's own left; and, in subsequent rounds, worked with constant left crosses and left and right combinations to pound his opponent to defeat.

A flurry of punches on the ropes sent Torres to the canvas in the fifth round. He beat the count; but was KO'd a second time with a Minter left cross. The fight was stopped by referee Buddy Basilico at 1:57 of the fifth round.

A walkout bout saw more middleweight action as Tony Chiaverini, of Kansas City, scored a third round KO over Marcelo Quinones of Peru.

Chiaverini was down twice in the second round but survived to fight a brilliant third round. A brutal flurry of jabs KO'd Quinones for some eight minutes.

The Ali-Spinks headed title card, promoted by Top Rank, Inc., grossed a live gate of $756,300. The bouts were televised by CBS throughout the world.



Q. Whatever happened to Dino Dennis? He fought George Foreman and lost in the fourth round. I thought for sure he would be back, especially since he had a 29-0 record going into the bout with Foreman.

Charles Umschneider
Newport News, Va.

A. Dennis was in the U.S. Championship Tournament and lost to Leroy Jones. Recently he defeated Charley Polite.

Q. Could you please tell me the result of the first Marciano-Charles fight. Also, I would like to know how much each fighter received for the bout.

Robert Jones
Englishtown, N.J.

A. Rocky Marciano won a 15-round decision in his first fight with Ezzard Charles which was held on June 17, 1954, at the Yankee Stadium. Charles' purse (not including pay TV) was $124,019 and Marciano's purse (not including pay TV) came to $200,585. The gross receipts were $543,092 for the fight, which was promoted by the International Boxing Club.

Q. Did Charles (Sonny) Liston ever box again in official competition after he lost his second bout to Muhammad Ali? If he did, was he knocked out in any of the bouts? If so, who knocked him out?

J. Tipton
Selah, Eash.

A. Sonny Liston won 14 bouts after being stopped by Muhammad Ali in the first round in their fight at Lewiston, Maine. Liston won by KO in two bouts in 1966, scored two more KO's in 1967 and won by KO in seven fights in 1968. He won a 10 round decision over Billy Joiner in 1969, followed by two KOs and then was knocked out by Leotis Martin in the ninth round. On June 29, 1970, he stopped Chuck Wepner in 10. On December 30, 1970, Liston died in his Las Vegas, Nev., home where his wife found him a week later (January 5).

Q. Could you tell me how the reach measurement of the boxer is arrived at? Does one measure across the chest or back? Do you measure from fingertip to fingertip or with the fist clenched? What is considered "good" or "average" reach for the heavyweight boxer?

James Weaver
Dallas, Tex.

A. The "reach" is measured across the chest from the fingertips of one hand to the fingertips on the other. Anything over 74 inches is "good."

Q. I have two questions: number one—What has become of George Foreman? We have not heard from him for a long time. I hope he's well and also hope he will return to boxing. We cannot and should not forget that George is the only man to knock out Joe Frazier twice, an achievement that no other boxer, not even the great Muhammad Ali, could do once.

Question number two—Why aren't there more American Indians from the U.S.A. in boxing? We see many great Indian boxers from Mexico, Central and South America, but none from the U.S.A.

A. (1) Foreman deserted boxing to take up the ministry. His latest statement is that he's happy in his new role and has no intentions of pursuing a boxing career.

(2)The American Indian is on the decline in the sport of boxing. There have been many who boxed in amateur tournaments, but the pro ranks have not had a strong representation.

Danny Lopez, the WBC featherweight champ, and his brother, Ernie, are the strongest representatives of the American Indians in the pro ranks; however, The National Indian Athletic Association and the AAU combined last year and ran a National Indian Boxing tournament which may bring more Indians into the sport.

Q. Why does The Ring support the junior division which did not exist years ago? Presently The Ring recognizes the junior middleweight, junior welterweight and the junior lightweight divisions. Now, we see where certain boxing bodies have created a "super" bantam and junior flyweight divisions. When will this idiocy cease? At the rate these new divisions are being created, we will have junior divisions for every present division. I believe weight is a poor excuse to have junior divisions, and I wish The Ring never recognized them in the first place.

Paul Medley
New York, N.Y.

A. Ring magazine has always tried to be responsive to its readers, and it is they who have let it be known that they want the junior divisions included in the ratings. You will note that The Ring does not recognize the newly created super bantam and junior flyweight classes. See this month's editorial.

Thanks for sharing your opinion.

Q. What is the record for total knockdowns in a single professional fight?

Dan Donovan
Plainview, L.I.

A. The record knockdowns for a single fight came on December 26, 1902, when Battling Nelson was down seven times and his opponent, Christy Williams, was down 42 times for a total of 49. The bout was held in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Q. I read where Joe Louis held the heavyweight title for 11 years and eight months. Is that the longest reign in any division in boxing, or has anyone done as well?

James Wesson
New York, N.Y.

A. The only fighter to come close to Joe Louis' reign at the top of a division was featherweight champ Johnny Kilbane. Johnny won his crown in February 1912 and lost it in June of 1933. His tenure at the top lasted 11 years and 3½ months.

Q. In these days of inflated everything, I would like to know what the total earning of Jack Dempsey was during his boxing career.

James Eastbrook
New Haven, Conn.

A. Jack Dempsey's total ring earnings, including movie rights and referee tours, came to $3,541,116. However, since 1935, Dempsey figures he has earned several million. In his estimate are business ventures, refereeing, personal appearances and lectures, which bring his total earnings to $10,568,116.

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TO MY FRIENDS

I would like to thank all my fans and friends for all the letters and prayers. Cardinal Cooke said prayers for me and it is so nice to know there are nice people who care.

Thank you all.

Tony Galento
New Jersey

ED. NOTE: Letter received at the Ring offices from Tony Galento as he was recuperating from a leg amputation.

WE NEED MORE ON TECHNIQUE!

Nat Fleischer, founder of The Ring, contributed more than a history of boxing, championship belts, ring awards and rating systems. Through The Ring magazine and his many books, Nat wrote about techniques of boxing, training and other factors that make for a top boxer.

In his book on trainers and seconds, Nat Fleischer stated, "The duties of a second are manifold. He is in the corner not only to handle the boxer in a physical way, see that he goes out for each round as fit as possible and give him technical advice, but he must also be able to meet certain emergencies which arise, and he must be familiar with the rules of the sport."

In the recent Norton-Young bout, I feel Young was the better boxer and more effective puncher. However, his failure to throw effective combinations cost him the bout which he should have won with ease. Norton's primary weakness is his stance that leaves him vulnerable for left hooks. Young's failure to follow up his jab and crosses with left hooks cost him the fight.

It appears many top rated boxers have faults in basic boxing technique that will be the last barrier from the championship. Many boxers have managed to win title and still posses weaknesses. Typical examples include Muhammed Ali, who lacks the big punch and is open for left hooks; George Foreman, who couldn't box and Benny Paret, who allowed himself to be a punching bag.

Many top boxers have had much to say on proper boxing, e.g., the words of Willie Pep: "The fundamental of good balance is in the placing of your feet in relation to your weight;" Paul Berlenbach, "You can't drive a spike with a tack hammer. It takes the right tools and the correct leverage to send a heavy spike through a solid plank of wood."

Please consider monthly articles on boxing technique such as stance, the left jab, left hook, the lost art of body punching and the lost art of feinting. As so many young amateur boxers read The Ring, but pick up bad habits from top boxers such as Muhammed Ali, articles about important aspects of boxing will assist the young boxers and the champions of tomorrow.

Brian Zelley, Treasurer
Victoria Athletic Association
Victoria, B.C.

WHAT HAPPENED TO JANUARY ISSUE?

Could you please tell me what happened that caused the January issue of The Ring to be so late? Will all the issues be coming out at this time?

Bob Redford
Dallas, Texas

(ED NOTE: There was a strike that caused the tardiness but all issues will be out on time henceforth.)

A FEDERAL BOXING COMMISSION—NEVER!

I agree with what The Ring Editor has had to say about the boxing situation, but I do not agree with his view about having a federal commission governing boxing.

I'm a small business man and president of the "Nix on OSHA" Committee. If you think boxing is in a mess now, just wait until the bureaucrats in Washington step in. NO, I'm against a federal commission.

Ernest J. Trujillo
San Antonio, Texas

ALI VS. SPINKS—BOO!

I have been an ardent boxing fan for twenty years; therefore, I consider myself to have some knowledge of boxing. (Also a loyal reader of Ring.)

I am appalled at the recent signing of the Muhammed Ali vs. Leon Spinx fight. Leon did an outstanding job in the Olympics, but on what credentials does he warrant a shot at boxing's most coveted crown, "The Heavyweight Championship of the World"? (Having only seven fights behind him).

There are other fighters with better records who have fought top contenders and are not given a chance to fight Ali. My point is that in October Ali was offered $3,000,000 to fight Boone Kirkman in Seattle at the Kingdome. So far there has been no reply. Boone has an impressive record. At one time he was ranked in the top ten and now is ranked fourteenth, which does not include his last win in October.

With the other opponents Ali has fought, both American and foreign, I believe that Boone Kirkman deserves his day with Muhammed Ali.

Is the image of boxing and fighters being ruined by money and politics? Isn't $3,000,000 enough, or is it just too cold and wet in the Pacific Northwest for "The Greatest"?

Frank W. Schmidt
Renton, Wash.

A FANNING BY A FIGHT FAN

Jack Dempsey fought only five times in the seven years and one month he held the title. He was NOT a fighting champ. He couldn't even beat a novice such as Firpo who, incidentally, came not from the Pampas, but from a Buenos Aires chemist shop. Please, don't insult my intelligence by coming up with the old bromide, "Louis was a poor Black boy clawing his way upward toward the title." Even as an amateur fighting around Detroit, wealth and influence backed him. Louis never ever fought a preliminary bout. His first pro fight was against Jack Kracken in Chicago and it was a main event.

I could bore the two of us to death by reciting Louis' advantages—the least that could happen to us would be broken legs by falling over silver spoons.

In the last seven years of Louis' 12-year reign, he defended his title only four times against three men (he fought Walcott twice, losing to Walcott the first time, but getting the decision on the technicality that two of the judges had forgotten how to score a fight).

No wonder if Dempsey and Louis are hamming each other up as the greatest heavyweight of all time!

Jack Johnson was supposed to have a sixth sense, but if you EXAMINE his record it's difficult to count beyond five. Johnson was delighted when he defeated Jeffries. But then, while Jeffries was struggling with multiple handicaps and had been retired for years and years, with no thought of ever fighting again, Johnson had had 39 fights and was razor sharp. Even a year before he retired, Jef-

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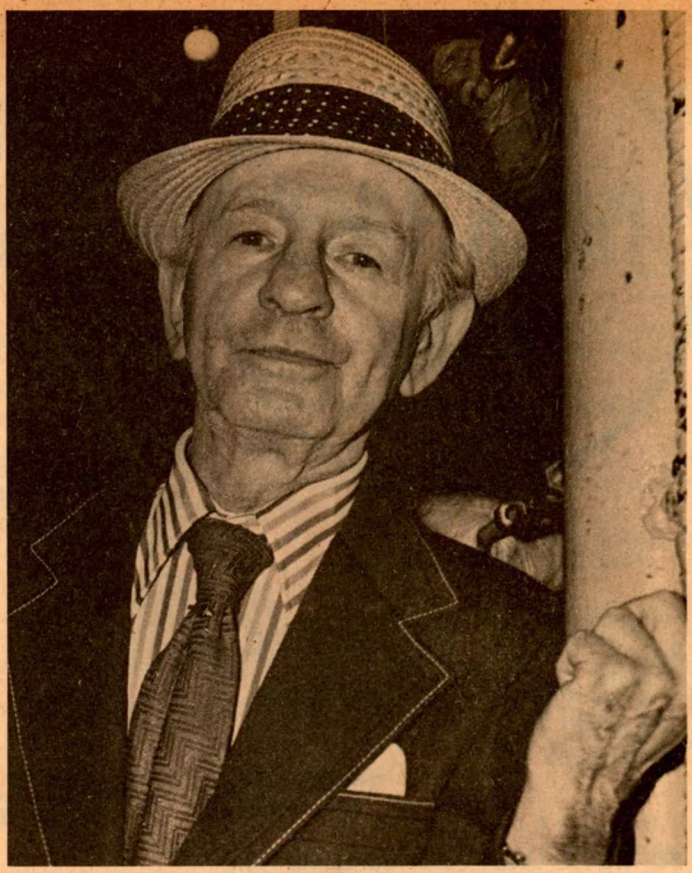
Jack Lazarov reminisces about boxing since the days when he fought as a bantamweight.



By JOEL LIPSITT

MEMPHIS' JACK LAZAROV LOOKS BACK OVER 50 YEARS IN BOXING

Jack Lazarov, 71-year-old Memphian, has been a boxer, manager, trainer and promoter.

AT 71, Memphian Jack Lazarov can look back on a few scrapes in his life. But that's nothing unusual for someone who has been involved in boxing for more than half a century. In the 1920's, as a bantamweight, Lazarov fought some of the best in an era when there were a lot of great ones around like former champ, Bud Taylor, "The Blond Terror," from Terre Haute, Indiana, Memphis Pal Moore, Young Jack Sharkey, Pete Herman, Kid Williams, and Joe Lynch.

Lazarov's name has been synonymous with professional boxing in Memphis for a number of years. He's trained, managed and promoted fighters when the sport commanded about as much interest as a TV test pattern.

This tiny little man, still somewhere near his fighting weight of 128 pounds, has launched the boxing careers of almost all the Memphians who have done anything in the pro ranks, Al Jones, Neville "Tiger" Beech, Robert "Songbird" Williams, Tony Gardner, and Ernie Burford. In the late 50's, Burford tangled with a lot of the tough middleweights around like Jessie Turner, Jimmy Beecham and Joey Giardello. Lazarov's most recent interests have been concentrated on reviving the once promising career of former top lightweight contender Jimmy Heair, who is now home based in Memphis, and has won seven fights in a row. Jack also has under his present wing, popular Memphian favorite, featherweight Eddie "The Flea" Freeman, victorious in 16 out of 17 fights.

Lazarov has promoted cards in Memphis, West Memphis, Little Rock, Blytheville, Hot Springs, Arkansas and Jackson, Tennessee. He even put on some of the early closed circuit telecasts, once opening the Sunset Drive-In in West Memphis, Arkansas, for 10 bucks a carload for the Marciano vs. Charles clash.

"They came in piled on the roofs and hanging from the sides," he recalls. Before Lazarov shattered a knuckle on his right, he says, he was a pretty fiesty little bantamweight. Sports writers of that era dubbed him "Young Jack Dempsey." "They said I hit so hard to be so little, said Jack."

In those days very few official records were kept and many of the decisions were often referred to as "Newspaper Decisions." His most noteable opponent of that time around Memphis was the very popular featherweight, Pal Moore, whom he fought three times, losing and winning on points, with one draw.

Lazarov recalls, "The hardest puncher I ever faced was Bud Taylor, who KO'd me in three rounds when I was only 19. He later was to become champ by outpointing Tony Canzoneri in Chicago in 1927."

In 1923, Jack split two bouts with a real popular brawler, Morris Billingkoff, who fought as "Young Montreal," losing in Detroit on points and finally winning in Toronto by decision. "He was one helleva fighter who never stopped punching," relates Jack. "He was no slouch either. He beat Abe Attell, Pete Herman, Bud Taylor and Young Jack Sharkey. I was always in good company. I also had some good scraps with little Herbie Schaeffer, Babe Asher out of East St. Louis, and tough Jimmy Kelly."

Lazarov probably established his reputation as a good boxer, at least among Memphis' sporting public, when he beat the notorious Tommy "Red Eye" Sanders by decision in a rematch at the old Phoenix Boxing Club downtown. Sanders, who had fought to a draw with Jack in their first fight at Russwood Park, was so mean, according to Jack, that "police would walk to the other side of the street when they saw him coming."

"There was a lot of money bet on that fight, and when I won several of the people who bet on me gave me part of their winnings. On top of that, I had been guaranteed 25 per cent of the gate and the place was packed to the rafters.

"When I came home that night, I dumped all that money, over a thousand dollars on my mother who was already in bed. She saw that I wasn't hurt, so she asked me if I robbed a bank or something.

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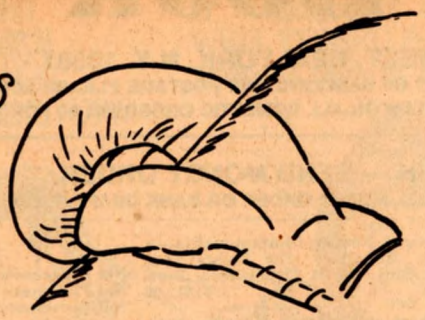
The Critic's Corner



By JOAN F. LOUBET

THE GREAT PRIZE FIGHT
By Alan Lloyd
Illustrated. 188 pp. New York: Coward, McCann & Geoghegan. $8.95.

ONE of my early memories is of a charming Currier and Ives print which hung in the family study. It is entitled:

YANKEE DOODLE
ON HIS MUSCLE,
or THE WAY
The Benicia Boy
astonished the
English MEN.

The cartoon shows an embattled John Carmel Heenan knocking down Tom Sayers' seconds, one of whom is crying, "Police! Police! Murder!" while another, crawling between Heenan's legs, moans, "Ho! My smeller! What a 'itter he is!" Sayers, obviously worsted, is supporting himself with his good left arm and saying, "If this is a Benecia BOY, I don't want to see their MEN." In the background, fleeing the site, is a huge fight mob, including the clearly identified referee, crying as he runs and pushes, "I calls it a draw." Heenan himself, smashing away, challenges, "Call you this English fair play? Come on, I'll fight the whole of you."

Currier and Ives, and the unsigned artist, may have been chauvinistic in their presentation, but so indeed were the journals this side of the Atlantic and the Americans who witnessed the bloody battle.

Englishmen have been, and doubtless still are, equally vociferous and the merits of their champion, claiming that when the fight was stopped, Tom Sayers was not losing, that if the fight had continued it would have been resolved into a contest between a blind man (Heenan) and a one-armed man (Sayers), and as boxing historian Tom Langley stoutly insists, in such a contest, the one-armed man will win.

Far be it from me to resolve that still-disputed issue, but for those who would like to relive that most famous fight in prize ring history, if not all boxing history, Alan Lloyd has written a thriller that's a diller.

Interestingly enough, Lloyd is not a "fight writer" as we know it, and I had the uncomfortable feeling in the beginning that this was going to be a boxing book written by a person who doesn't really know very much about boxing. What Lloyd *is*, is a popular historian, and for sheer background and atmosphere you won't want to trade this account for any number of ringside specials. He has done his homework meticulously, and draws on the press of the day: Scotland Yard, U.S. Embassy records, railway companies and other specialist sources. The result is a marvellous compendium of Victorian piety and cant, London slums and sporting dens, bloodthirsty fans and bare knuckles, plenty of "port" or "claret," as the euphemisms of the period would have it, and plenty of hypocrisy from respectable Victorians—"penny saints," as Henry Downes Miles, eminent fight chronicler of the day, would have it.

The prologue concerns itself with Adah Isaacs Menken, the notorious "Naked Lady," so known for her role in "Mazeppa." Strapped in her fleshling tights to the back of a horse, the Menken's erotic appearances, in that age when the display of an ankle was daring, were breathtaking. It is hard not to dwell on the history and charms of that lady, and Lloyd does so frequently. It is no wonder that John Carmel Heenan joined the ranks of her admirers, among whom were numbered Swinburne, Dumas pere, Dickens—and that the handsome prizefighter also became one of her several husbands. Actaully, that statement is open to question since divorce from her first husband, Alexander Menken, never actually took place.

The prologue leads easily into an event which took place in Adah Isaac Menken's New Orleans of 1837: the fight (or brawl) between the Englishman James "Deaf" Burke and a local Irishman named Sam O'Rourke, a ploy which serves beautifully to set the stage for that most famous of fights to come. For from there Lloyd skillfully fills in the background of the British Championship Belt, naming names and describing fights, gracefully instructive in acquainting us with the temper of the times, personalities of the ring, the Fancy, the journalists, the politicians and the ruffians. This is no cardboard background, either. Crafted into the fascinating narrative are such sidelights as the manner in which the rings were set up, the rules extant at that period (how rounds were counted, the holds allowed, the role of the cornermen); and the ghastly routine followed in training, often including bleeding, purging, and induced vomiting. I came upon anecdotes with which I was familiar, such as the presentation by Princess Mary of a monogrammed handkerchief to Sayers' daughter Elizabeth, and such delicious bits new to me as the reporting of a hymn sung for the convert, Bold Bendigo:

Praise God from whom all belssing flow
Praise him for Brother Bendigo.

Chapter on chapter, Lloyd entangles and separates the threads that lead up to the main event: and what an event it was. People poured in to attend the fight from across the sea. The whole affair was a face-off between the police, the Fancy, the fighters, the backers; even Parliament could not remain aloof from the brouhaha as Lord Lovaine angrily branded Prime Minister Palmerston as a fan of the knuckle game. The fighters were hounded from one secret training place to another while the site of the battle was bruited to be one location after another. The scene that chill morning of April 17 as the immense crowd streamed into the terminus by coach and cab, cart and van, barge and ferry and on foot, to be transported (illegally) by rail to Farnborough, is second only to Lloyd's brilliant description of the mill itself.

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UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

World heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali tries to match the serious expression of Olympic Gold Medalist Leon Spinks.

BETWEEN the horrible cold spell we've been having and other matters that have cropped up, we became a little remiss in what has been going on in New York City, fistically speaking. We will catch up with some of them later on. Primarily, we still have to touch on the activities of the Downtown A.C., where former heavyweight king, Jersey Joe Walcott and now New Jersey's State Athletic Commissioner, holds forth and the great gettogether which took the place under the capable supervision of our pal, Rudy Riska. We'll get to that eventually as well as to other matters that interest the boxing clientele.

Boxing naturally has centered about the heavyweight situation. Muhammad Ali, boss of the clan, naturally holds the limelight, rightfully so as he's the boss of the Goliaths. There's so much written about Ali, born Cassius Clay, and no one questions the spot he holds as the big wheel on the pugilistic horizon.

The king, they say, can do no wrong, and maybe that's correct. But never has there been such a situation in the Queensberry sport as we are confronted with today.

But one point we have to straighten out. To say Ali is the greatest heavyweight king we ever had is questionable. Granted, he is boss of all he surveys among the Goliaths as of now. His record is blemished by only two setbacks; one against ex-king Joe Frazier and his first bout against Ken Norton, many disputing the verdicts in the two scraps that followed. What makes us skeptical is what makes him the greatest of all former bosses of the division? The "we" are veterans in boxing—and we go back to the days of Jim Jeffries, the ex-boiler maker, and Jack Johnson, the wizard from Galveston, Texas.

Jeff left the scene with nary a setback until his comeback against Jack Johnson in Reno, which was tragic, as the boiler-maker was nothing but a shell of his former self. Even then he went fifteen rounds against the younger Southerner when they finally came together in Reno, Nevada, with Tex Rickard the promoter and referee of the battle.

We don't dispute the fact that Ali is a standout among today's gladiators, but he has had two black marks against his pugilistic escutcheon, although many still question some of his most recent wins, especially against Ken Norton and Jimmy Young. Many remember the great fights ex-king Joe Frazier made and also the fine stand that Earnie Shavers made although the decision was unanimously in favor of the man from Louisville. The point we make is that there is no way to know for certain who won the Ali fights that caused such mixed feelings.

We still believe Jeff was the greatest champ since the advent of the Marquis of Queensbery rules, with Jack Johnson, master of defense, a close second. In our book, Jack Dempsey was the class of his era and likewise Joe Louis when he ruled the roost. We can even argue in favor of Rocky Mar-

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By ED SCULLEN

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Leonard, of nearby Palmer Park, Md., had no trouble with his fee, New Yorker Hector "Chinite" Diaz, as he stopped the Dominican Republic native at 2:20 of the second round with a left-right combination.

Although there was some confusion surrounding the bout—ABC declined to televise the show when discrepancies appeared in Diaz' record—the show was still the high light of the year, with the possible exception of the Ali-Evangelista heavyweight title bout held in April at the Capital Center.

Counting the Armory show, there were just four professional cards in the Washington area in 1977—poor stuff to build a boxing public on. Excluding the above mentioned fight cards, the other shows were an April card headlined by a Ralph Palladin—Mike Baker matchup and a June card headlined by a Palladin—Gene Wells go for something called the NOrth American Boxing Federation Middleweight Championship. On the same night, Adelphi featherweight Ronnie McGarvey also succeeded to a Federation title stopping one Miguel Maeza in six rounds. The total attendance for the two cards was something short of 5,000.

And so it was with sore eyes and glad hearts that the local fight crowd greeted the Armory turnout. As an added touch of glamour, Redskin owner Edward Bennett Williams showed up at ringside with an old friend, the Yankee Clipper, Joe DiMaggio. Both received thunderous applause when they graciously took a ringside bow.

A number of local fighters had considerable factions as well. . .the most prominent in this regard was Clinton light heavyweight Donald (Biff) Cline coming off a less last March in the United States Championship Tournament to Ray Ellson. About 100 Cline followers, all wearing t-shirts with the fighter's name, kicked off a noisy celebration when Cline stopped veteran Dave Dittmar of Philadelphia in six rounds. The other local battlers who won their bouts included: HEAVYWEIGHT Dave Johnson, decision over Malik Beezer; welterweight Odell Leonard, decision over Julie Garcia; welterweight Roland Pryer, decision over Anthony Villanueva; and Johnny Gant decision over Freddy Boynton.

The 21-year-old Leonard reportedly received close to $15-,000 for his efforts against Diaz, bringing his 1977 income total to something over $130,000 for six bouts (none of them 10-rounders) and some commercials.

These kind of figures, when racked up by a relative novice, do not sit well with many members of the fight crowd, but the young man's drawing ability may well keep the fight game alive here.

At 145 pounds, Leonard appears to be filling out nicely, but he is still a good ways off from achieving the skill and strength necessary to compete with the top of the division. On the plus side, Leonard has fast hands and feet, takes orders well and generally appears to be a smooth product. Still, his jaw is untested and he has yet to fight anything more than C and D-grade fighters.

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FILIPINO FERNANDEZ REMEMBERS....

By TON WEE ENG

The little old grey-haired man in the white pajamas still had the boxing instinct despite his 71 years as he squared off to show his fighting pose when he fought with the best of them late in the 1920's and early '30s.

To the young boxing buffs, the name of Ignacio Fernandez may not ring a bell. But the oldtimers who saw the Filipino dynamo who arrived to New York in 1927, will remember him as the tough little competitor who scored a third round kayo of Al Singer in Madison Square Garden in 1929, among other exciting fights which include a 12-round draw with Ceferino Garcia in Manila.

Fernandez is spending his late years in a hospital ward for the aged in Singapore, penniless and with very few friends who remember him in his glory years. When we visited him recently, his eyes took on a happy gleam as we discussed the happy and prosperious days during which he held his own against the best boxers in Australia United States, Phillipines and Malaya in an era when Pancho Villa and other little men created explosive excitement in the sport.

Ignacio Fernandez, now 72, shows Ton Wee Eng his fighting stance of '20s and '30s.

Fernandez is a victim of circumstances, having gone through all of his ring earnings, but he accepts it logically as a way of life and old age. He is comfortable in his hospital haven and has a sharp recollection of some of his ring wars. While his life is a dream of the past, he has golden memories when he was a triple title holder in his own homeland.

Managed by the late Jesus Santo Tomas Cortez, who was in close association with the late Frank Churchill, Fernandez came to the United States where he battled world class boxers although was never given chance for a world title fight. He gave the leading bantamweights, featherweights and lightweights fits when he climbed into the ring.

In his four Garden appearances he fought Tony Canzoneri, Billy Petrolle and Al Singer twice in the period between 1927 and 1930.

Although he didn't win all of his fights, his opponents (many of whom went on to world championships) read like a "Who's who" in boxing during that era. He fought Abe Goldstein the bantamweight champ; Tony Canzoneri (three times) featherweight, lightweight and junior welterweight champ; Bud Taylor, bantamweight

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

MANY people — veterans of the boxing beat — ask "whatever happened to. . ." who seem to drift into oblivion after being before the public as top notch ring performers. One of the names that keeps popping up by the "old timers" is HARRY "KID" MATTHEWS. This writer checked HARRY out recently. He's doing allright, I'm happy to report. MATTHEWS, now 55 years young — his five children now are all married (two live in California, two in Everett, Washington, and one in Seattle) — and he has "plenty of grandchildren!" Since 1954 when MATTHEWS hung up the gloves, he has operated a fuel company, worked as a King County Deputy Sheriff, ran a Pine Street tavern and has gotten divorced and remarried. For the past 19 years HARRY has operated HARRY "KID" MATTHEWS RENTALS AND WELDING near Everett, Washington. After WWII, when old time fight manager and matchmaker MEL EPSTEIN (now living in Los Angeles) was making matches for a club in Seattle, he used HARRY a half a dozen times but he couldn't draw twenty-two cents with him — the reason was his "hit and grab style." BERT FORBES had MATTHEWS at the time and MEL tried his darndest to get FORBES to change MATTHEWS style — but no way. BERT had been a pretty good fighter before the first world war having fought ABE ATTELL and FREDDIE WELCH — a nice guy — but a cautious guy — he made MATTHEWS the same way. Later on when the fight club was sold, FORBES lost the fighter, MATTHEWS, to my late good friend DEACON JACK HURLEY, who brought the best out in more mediocre guys and made money with them, than probably any fighter mentor of years gone by. True to tradition, HURLEY turned MATTHEWS around and they made nothing but money. MATTHEWS and HURLEY ended up not speaking to each other, but if HARRY had not had JACK, he would have gone nowhere. He retired in 1954 with about 100 grand in the bank and his mind and body intact. Today he rarely watches a prize-fight — he's too busy! TONY PETRONELLI has the "bragging rights" to the City of Brockton, Mass., after an easy 10 round win over fellow-townsman JIMMY CORKUM at the Boston Garden. . . .Former middleweight champ GENE FULLMER doing well with his "CELEBRITY RESTAURANT" at Provo, Utah. . . .The word from Chicago has it that former welter champ JOHNNY BRATTON, who just lost his dad in a robbery attempt, is broke. . . .JESSE REID, manager of JESSE BURNETT, is the new trainer of unbeaten Colombian heavyweight BERNARDO MERCADO, who is owned by Nevada brothel owner JOE COMFORTE. . . .JACKIE McCOY, manager of welter champ, CARLOS PALOMINO, is looking for the best offer for his king for a summer title defense — the talk is $300,000 to meet ROBERTO DURAN. . . .Since his heart surgery on November 30, former heavyweight champ JOE LOUIS has been in desperate shape—medical costs have been considerable—FRANK SINATRA has been quiet about it, but he made all the arrangements for LOUIS and he's paying for all of it—how about that? JIMMY YOUNG still beefing about his losing duke to KEN NORTON at Vegas. He might just be right . . . .This should be the year for MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER to get his well deserved shot at the champion. It has been hectic for HAGLER. He keeps right on winning, but never seems to reach that pot at the end of the rainbow! More and more Italian heavyweights are popping up on the fistic horizon—fellows like ALFIO RIGHETTI and LORENZO ZANON. Both are good craftsmen, but they need to be brought over to these shores and "Americanized." There are many good trainers over here who could do the job. ZANON is a defensive fighter. He was beating JERRY QUARRY going away until he got tagged, while RIGHETTI is bit more aggressive. . . .Aging but still competent, BENNIE BRISCOE is a Philadelphia sanitation division employee, who has been active "inside of the hemp" for over 15 years. . . .Canadian battler CHRIS CLARKE suffered a broken mitt to end the year 1977. Could this mean this fine fighter will have problems with his hands — like my good friend PAUL PENDER, who went to see a competent "bone doctor," then went on to win the world middleweight title from SUGAR RAY ROGINSON? JAY D. TURNER former Texas heavyweight of the late thirties and early forties, is now a successful real estate man in Dallas. JAY was managed by CHRIS DUNDEE when in his prime. His pal is former lightweight star of the thirties, JACKIE GRIFFIN. They attend all the big fights down that way together. . . .In spite of winter storms in Kansas City, the local boy, TONY CHIAVERINI, is a draw. He is still learning and will get better if he doesn't get rushed because of newspaper and fan pressure. They always think they can manage a figher better than his manager. . . .Too bad that old time fight manager PINKIE GEORGE can't get started again. PINKIE just celebrated a brithday recently (January). He's up in the seventies (I won't tell him how far up old buddy). GEORGE managed the likes of the late LEE SAVOLD and JOHNNY PAYCHECK in their hey-day. If PINKIE had RON STANDER he'd still have him winning in Omaha, Minneapolis and Des Moines (where PINKIE GEORGE now resides). The people who had STANDER were not what I would call "old time boxing people," they threw him in against JOE FRAZIER and ruined him in Omaha. They were very lucky for a time, but inexperience finally showed! Now RON STANDER is washed up "before his time". . . .The JERRY QUARRY people asked BOONE KIRKMAN to box JERRY in Seattle on a percentage basis, but BOONE said "no" because previously when JERRY was "on top" he wanted $50,000 to fight him up there. . . .Talk about "white heavyweights," there is a kid fighting in New England named JOE "WILDMAN" VELMURE out of Lowell, Mass. This guy loves the game, weighed in at 270 when he started his pro career, and has improved with each fight. He now tips the Fairbanks at 230 and fights like and looks like TWO TON TONY GALENTO of years gone by. He's something to see — and he's a winner!! Just 19 years old, a fine young man. . . .Despite

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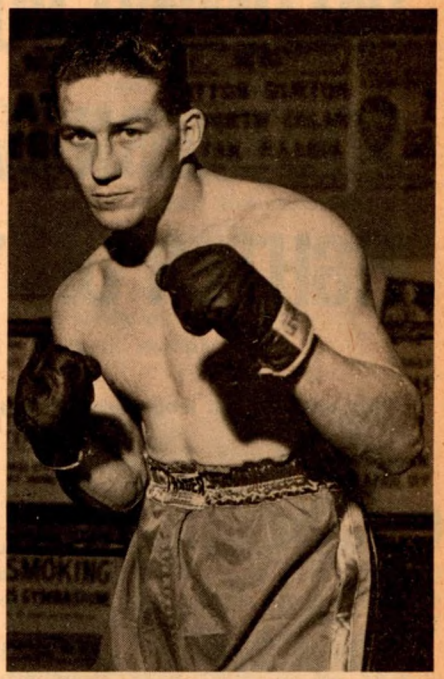

Harry "Kid" Matthews, seen in his fighting prime, now lives in the Northwest.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

PALOMINO VOTED SOUTHERN CAL.'S FIGHTER OF YEAR

World welterweight king Carlos Palomino poses with his championship belt.

CARLOS Palomino, with four successful title defenses to his credit during 1977, was named Southern California's "Fighter of the Year."

The World Boxing Council welterweight monarch got off to a fast start by stopping Armando Muniz, then followed with a KO over England's David Green, a 15 round decision over Everaldo Acevedo and finished up with a 13th round KO over Jose Palacios.

It was a busy year in the Los Angeles area with a total of eight world title bouts held. Besides Palomino's three (the Green fight was in England), others were Pepino Cuevas vs. Clyde Gray, Carlos Zarate vs. Danilo Basita, Jorge Lujan vs. Alfonso Zamora, Guty Espadas vs. Alex Santana, Danny Lopez vs. Jose Torres.

However, it was a non title 10-rounder which attracted the biggest gate of the year. Over 13,000 fans paid $357,000 to watch the showdown between the two unbeaten world bantamweight champs—Zarate and Alfonso Zamora at the Forum.

Zarate, the WBC titleholder, chopped down WBA king Zamora in four rounds.

Lightweight Frankie Baltazar was tabbed as the outstanding rookie main eventer for the year and unbeaten flyweight Joey Olivo garnered prospect of the year honors.

Best action fights: Zarate vs. Zamora, Danny Lopez vs. Torres, Palomino vs. Muniz and Bobby Chacon vs. Arturo Leon.

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Stockton's Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez received somewhat of a shock in the first round of his scheduled 10-rounder against Fabian Falconette of Panama at the Olympic Auditorium.

Falconette, a 4-1 underdog, caught Lopez with a sweeping right hand punch to floor him midway in the opening session.

However, his success was brief.

Lopez came roaring back in the second round to drop the Panamian five times. After the fifth knockdown, referee Larry Rozadilla halted the match at 2:59.

Lopez weighed 181 and upped his record to 41-7; Falconette weighed 185.

Other results: Jose Resendez, 122, East Los Angeles, decisioned Eduardo Plata, 124, Los Angeles, (6); Al Lopez, 175, Los Angeles KO'd Gene Miera, 178, Los Angeles, (2).

▲**FRESNO** — Russell Pope, a local favorite, made his 10 round bow and was impressive with a seventh round knockout over Lalo Barriente of Mexico.

Pope weighed 157; Barriente, 164.

The gate was $2650 for promoters Pat DiFuria and Pete Rokas.

Other results: Victor Martinez, 152, Fresno, KO'd Miguel De La Mora, 156, Mexico, (2); Joe Maldonado, 146, Fresno, decisioned Curtis Lewis, 144¼, Oakland (6); Ernie Pope, 167, Fresno, decisioned Pasqual Ramirez, 164, Mexico, (5).

▲**SAN DIEGO** — Greg Stephens, 154, San Diego, was the winner over Steve Delgado, 152, Los Angeles, in their six round main event at the Coliseum.

In the semifinal, Moses Armas, 135, Managua, Nicaragua, came off the floor to earn a six round draw with Eric Bonilla, 135¼, San Diego.

Other results: Robbie Bryant, 228½, San Diego, decisioned Victor Van Fleet, 211, San Diego, (5); Len Provo, 175, San Diego, KO'd Amado Vasquez, 175, National City, (2); Jesus Fernandez, 125½, Mexico, KO'd Carlos Ortiz, 128, San Diego, (1); Jim Waire, 160, San Diego, decisioned Hector Fernandez, 157, Mexico, (4).

The gate was $2,626.

BOND COPS NOD OVER MOSELEY

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Larry Bonds, the Denver dynamo. . .slugged his way to the Nevada Jr. Middleweight Championship. . .as he took a unanimous decision from the reigning titleholder, Rocky Moseley, Jr. of Las Vegas.

BOnds. . .making the most of his southpaw strategy. . .had Moseley on the defensive throughout the 15-round title bout. . .featured as the main event at Tony Trudnich's Sahara Fight Night.

Moseley's constant use of head-butting caused negative reactions among the judges and the crowd—plus several warnings by referee Buddy Basilico.

The butting opened a severe cut over Bond's left eye in the second round. However, the cut and the bleeding couldn't slow Bonds brilliant boxing tactics, and the soutpaw survived three rounds under this handicap until his trainer Bobby Lewis, finally managed to close athe cut and halt the extensive bleeding.

The victory was sweet revenge for Larry Bonds, who had been robbed last April of a decision against Kevin Morgan for the Nevada Welterweight Title.

Bobby Lewis, Bonds veteran trainer-manager, had stated after the controversial loss to Morgan that he would never bring a fighter to Las Vegas again. However, Lewis changed his mind when Bonds was offered a shot at a State Title.

There were no knockdowns in the bout; and the judges' scorecards read: 57-52, 55-53, and 56-54 respectively.

The victory brings Bonds' record to 22-2; and drops Moseley's to 18-3.

In a rough-and tumble preliminary, undefeated Erwin Williams, 159 of Oakland, scored a third-round TKO over Las Vegas Roy Jones, 161.

Jones was knocked to the canvas twice by Williams' left hooks to his head. Although he beat the count after the second knockdown, the fight was mercifully stopped by referee Richard Green. The win brings Williams impressive record to 18-0.

In the first preliminary, Jose "pepi" Domingos, 139½ of Whittier, Calif. slugged his way to a unanimous seven-round decision over Gary Raymond, 141, of Phoenix. Domingos, using hooks to the head and body, easily outpointed Raymond; and brought his record to 4-0.

▲It was knockout night at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week. . .as the main event and all four preliminaries ended in stunning KO's.

In the main event, Irish Leroy Haley, 139, of Las Vegas decked Hector Rivera, 141, of Los Angeles, at 54 seconds of the eighth round.

Haley—in his most impressive performance to date was far ahead on points when he managed to land a lethal left hook for the knockout.

Haley went berserk with his victory, doing somersaults around the ring and screaming into the microphone that he would be the next world champion.

The brief and brutal preliminaries saw the following results: Richard Abbott, 171, of Los Angeles, KO Larry Muse, 170, of Seattle at 2:58 of the third round; Abraham Schwarz, 155, of Portland, KO'd Syl Rivera, 168, of Tucson at a mere 33 seconds of the first round; Steve Moyer, 162, of Portland, took only 48 seconds of the first round to demolish Las Vegan L. T. Omar, 162; James Wallace, 248, of Tucson, Arizona, KO'd Dave O'Reilly, 210, of Seattle at 1:48 of the second round.

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champ; Andre Routis, featherweight champ; Frankie Klick, junior lightweight champ; Kid Chocolate, junior lightweight champion; Fidel LaBarba, flyweight champion; and Battling Battalino, featherweight champion.

Born in Cebu, Phillipine Islands, in 1906, Fernandez was a preliminary fighter when Pancho Villa was creating ring history in the United States. Fernandez made some ring history for himself and his rise was meteoric. In 1925 he created a great impression in the Southern Continent, beating Australia's best opponents including Bert Spargo, Syd Godfrey and Billy Grimes.

Following his successful campaign in the Land of the Kangaroos, he returned to the Philippines where he battered the daylights out of Kid Nanoy to win the Orient bantam and featherweight belts in five rounds. Six weeks later, he won the Orient lightweight crown by knocking out Kid Johnson in eight rounds.

In 1935, Fernandez arrived in Singapore and carried the strongest reputation of any boxer ever to invade the island in those days. Although not good enough to beat the top world rated boxers, he still had enough to beat the best lightweights and welterweights campaigning in the Malayan rings. He won the lightweight title of the area in 1936 and was kingpin in the local rings for many years.

Like so many fighters before him, Ignacio was a good natured, over generous athlete who never thought about the future. He became the victim of wily managers who took the lion's share of his earnings and other investments left him broke and alone when his ring days were over.

Today he is well cared for at the hospital for the aged and while his cash is all gone, he can still square off and take up the stance from which he waded through a furious era of boxing.

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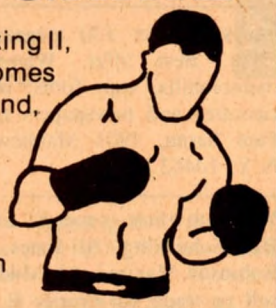

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HP:	8/2	**CH:**	2
KDR:	2	**END:**	64
KOR:	3	**DEF:**	-2

ACTION

Punches Landed:	1-42
Ring Movement:	43-51
Clinching:	52-58
Punches Missed:	59-78
Fouls:	79
Injury:	80

HITTING VALUE

Jab:	2	**Combo:**	4
Hook:	2	**UpCut:**	2
Cross:	3		

WORLD RATINGS

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retained his Commonwealth welter crown with a decision over Trinidad's Vernon Lewis, Curry moves into ninth place as Mexico's Jose Figueroa, who holds a win over Palacios replaces Jose in the tenth spot, with a win over Abel Cordoba.

Monroe Brooks exchanges places with Miguel Montilla, from three to four, while Jo Kimpuani drops from eight to nine. Dropping out of the division are Jimmy Corkum, who lost to Tony Petronelli, now ranked ten and Nani Marrero, who is replaced by Jimmy Heair, who defeated Freddy Harris.

The new number one lightweight is Hawaii's Andrew Ganigan. DeJesus falls to two, Saldivar from two to three, while Italy's Usai's win over Vincenzo Querro moves him from six to four. Viruet drops from four to five and Fernandez from five to six, inactive. Scotland's Watt's win over Jerome Lucas moves him from ten to seven, and newcomer Termite Watkins' defeat of Steve Holman moves him into the number eight spot as both Josue Marquez and Antonio Guinaldo fall to nine and ten. Solis' defeat to Arguello drops him from the top ten.

Featherweights: Mike Ayala goes from seven to six with his win over Tarcisco Gomez; Richard Rozelle moves from eight to seven; Carlos Zayas, KO'd, falls out of the big ten, while Spain's Manuel Masso, lost to Castanon now ranked ten. Pedro Jiminez replaced by Soo Hwan Hong, the new WBA junior feather king.

Bantamweight Lupe Pintor, Mexico, moves from ten to nine with a victory over Baby Kid Chocolate. Duarte drops from nine to ten, in active. Wilfredo Gomez kayoed Royal Kobayashi, Japan, to retain his WBC super bantam title.

Italy's Franco Udella went from ten to eight in the flyweights with a kayo over Nassin Zebilini, while Mexico's Juan Alvarez dropped out to make room for Freddy Hernandez, Colombia, who kayoed Alejandro Garcia. Alvarez has been inactive and lost his last time out.

JACK LAZAROV

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"My mother never wanted me to fight anyway, so a few days later, she went up to promoter Billy Haack's office and got a broom after him. She told him not to ever let me fight here again."

Lazarov wasn't about to let something like his mother stand in the way of a boxing career so he went to Chicago and signed on with Pal Moore's manager there.

"I told my mother they had given me a good job up there and I sent her money after all my fights."

Then there was the time Jack fought a woman. And this was about 1921, long before women's liberation inspired the gals into the ring. "There was this girls' boxing team touring the country and "Doc" Hottum, the Memphis promoter who used to put on the 15-mile river races and other sports, called and asked me if I wanted to fight their best girl fighter who weighed 124 pounds.

"She had beaten some boy in Little Rock the night before. I hesitated at first, but he offered me $250 so I accepted."

When the bell rang, Lazarov said his female foe took the initiative and punched him a couple of times in the nose, drawing a little blood.

"I feinted her and she dropped her guard. I knew then that she didn't know the first principle about fighting. So I moved around and caught most of her punches on my arms and countered back, just to miss her by inches. I would also try to get into clinches with her. The fans loved it and the referee called it a draw."

The situation was a lot more serious for Lazarov during one fight in St. Louis.

"During World War I, I wasn't old enough for the draft and Herbert Caldwell, sports editor of the Memphis Commercial Appeal, called me and asked if I would accept a fight against Johnny "Pee Wee" Kaiser in St. Louis. Kaiser later was to be involved in a fatal fight in which tough Irish Johnny Curtain was killed. Fighters being scarce during the war, Lazarov said the St. Louis people made him a very good offer.

"We fought at the South Broadway Athleatic Club in the German section of town. Now, here I was, a Russian Jew, fighting a German boy in his own backyard with their referee during the war with the Germans.

"The referee would grab my arm when we got into clinches and Kaiser would come up with good uppercuts that closed my right eye. I kept cursing the referee to stop holding my arm, but to no avail. Kaiser got the 10-round decision."

Lazarov managed another tight scrape as a manager. This was when he was handling Beech, a heavyweight, in a fight at Kansas City. Heavyweight contender Tony "Two-Ton" Galento was the guest referee.

In the third round, Lazarov remembers, Beech's foe butted him with his head three times in the eyes. Lazarov said the illegal butts closed his boxer's eyes and he asked Galento to stop the fight.

"Galento told me when the bell rings for the fourth round, just hold Beech in his corner and he would award the other fighter a TKO.

"BUT when the bell rang, Beech pulled little old me into the ring. Galento rushed me to get me back into my corner. When he shoved me, I came back with a combination of four punches which landed to his body and face. Police jumped into the ring and surrounded me and stopped the fight."

Lazarov said he drew a $100 fine and a three-month suspension from the Kansas City Athletic Commission. Galento, apparently, only suffered the embarrassment of being whipped by a 128-pound manager.

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MAYWEATHER POUNDS OUT RODRIGUEZ

By V. THOMAS LINDSAY

It was fight night in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Despite the onslaught of a four-day blizzard, and the threat of more, 2,000 enthusiastic fans turned out at the Grand Rapids Junior College Gerald R. Ford Fieldhouse where Home-town favorite and World-rated welterweight, Floyd "Joy" Mayweather was part of a two-fight main event, four-fight card.

Taking a chance by fighting a man who didn't make his weight, Mayweather pounded out a one-sided unanimous ten round decision over welterweight-turned middleweight for a night, Pablo Rodriguez. Rodriguez spent the better part of the fight throwing wild lefts and rights and then covering up. Mayweather, now 14-1, stung Rodriguez continually with jabs and hooks, but under orders from his manager, Professional Management Enterprises' Director, Henry Grooms, didn't go for the knockout.

The fight became a stage show for Mayweather, who displayed his Ali shuffle, dancing and clowning for the hometown crowd.

Rordriguez admitted after the fight that Mayweather is a good smart fighter, and that "he'll probably be champion of the world some day."

Another of Grooms' strong stable of boxers, Greg "Too Sweet" Coverson, ended his main event fight almost before the stools had been pulled from the ring,. Coverson, a lightweight with thunder and lightning in his hands, flattened his opponent, Sam Taylor of St. Louis, three times in the first two minutes of the opening round. With the victory, "Too Sweet" ran his professional record to 12-0, a record that includes eight KO's.

PME Welterweight "Pete" Seward gained a unanimous decision over tough Winston Noel of New York City. The eight round fight featured Seward's discipline and patience, combined with a growing aggressiveness that had his opponent rubber-legged in the last two rounds. With the victory, Seward's record goes to 5-0, and his skills and expertise increase with each round he fights in the ring.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

By RON OLVER

Magri Is British Fly King

Lightweight Cornelius Boza-Edwards remains a fine prospect.

ROYAL Albert Hall, London—After just two fights in 42 days as a professional, Charlie Magri, Stepney, 110½, won the vacant British flyweight title by beating Dave Smith, Eltham, 110¼, the referee intervening in the seventh round after Smith had been on the canvas five times.

I spoke with former world flyweight champion Terry Allen, who said "42 days? I had 42 fights before I even got a shot at an Area title, let alone a national crown!" This is of course a sign of the times. The standard of living in Britain is such that there are no longer "hungry" fighters, and thus virtually no eight-stoners. In fact, Magri has no logical contender for his newly-won crown, and must now seek opposition from the Continent or further afield.

Yet another triumph for his manager, Terry Lawless, who now has two European champions, Maurice Hope and Jim Watt, and two British titleholders, Jimmy Batten and Charlie Magri. Hope is already in line for a another shot at the world title (his previous shot was announced as a "draw" when most fans thought he had won).

Magri will, says manager Lawless, have one or two more contests against suitable opposition before challenging for the European crown.

Against Smith it was comparatively easy for Charlie. He had beaten Dave in two rounds when they were amateurs, and although the latter put up a plucky performance he was overwhelmingly outpunched. Smith employed the best possible tactics in trying to jab and move, but Magri would not be denied. Instead he just punched through his opponent's leads, and had his man down in the opening session.

By round three, Smith slipped in his own corner, after which he was driven from rope to rope by his aggressive opponent. Backing up desperately, Smith was propelled through the ropes and on to the tables holding the typewriters of the ringside scribes. Although he got back in time, this must have shaken him up. Nevertheless he kept out of trouble for the remainder of the round, and made a creditable comeback in the next two sessions.

Magri was thumping in hard body hooks, and by the sixth Smith had slowed. He went to one knee after one such attack, got up immediately, whereupon Magri was warned for a low punch.

Charlie continued his body attack, all good punches, and having set his man up, decked him with a right to the head. Out came Smith's gumshield, and the bell must have come as a welcome relief.

It had been the most difficult round yet for Smith, and in the seventh he was quickly in difficulties. He backed up against Magri's two-handed attacks, and a left hook put him down again. Dave could have been forgiven if he had stayed where he was, but gamely got up again, whereupon referee Roland Dakin stepped between them.

Magri was elated, and it was indeed a fine performance. Now we must see how he fares against overseas opposition. He is strong, punches extremely hard for an eight-stoner, and has a lot of determination.

British light-welter champ, Colin Powers, Paddington, 140¼, comfortably outpointed Rudy Barro, Philippines, 142, now American-based, over ten by 98-94.

Barro came with a good reputation and proved to be a tough, experienced opponent. A couple of time he looked to have Powers in trouble momentarily, and showed a good variety of punches.

A good contest. Powers took a lot out of himself, but came through with flying colours. And the experience he gained by meeting a man like Barro will prove invaluable.

John L. Gardner, Hackney, 202¼, won the Southern Area heavyweight title by beating Denton Ruddock, 195¾, the bout being stopped in the eighth of a scheduled twelve-rounder. This was also a final eliminator for the British crown, and John will now meet Billy Aird for the vacant title.

Surprisingly stopped in one round against Ibar Arrington last time out, Gardner was in no trouble this time, and Ruddock was on the receiving end when referee Harry Gibbs stopped it.

Cornelius Boza-Edwards, Harrow, 133¾, overcame the handicap of a cut left eyebrow to knock out Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 136¼, in the fifth round after previously decking him for eight. Boza remains a fine prospect in the lightweight division.

Bob Hennessey, Wandsworth, 206, outpointed Clive Beardsley, Swadlincote, 198, over six by 60-55, not losing a round.

Stan McDermott, Belhus, 215¼, beat Terry O'Connor, Birmingham, 218½, the referee intervening in the fifth with the latter taking punishment.

▲Civic Hall, Wolverhampton—Teenager Tony Sibson, Leicester, 162½, gave further evidence of his potential by beating Oscar Angus, 162, who retired at the end of the sixth after taking a two-handed sustained attack for most of that round without reply.

Sibson is settling down as a mature pro, but manager Carl Gunns will not be thinking in terms of titles for another 18 months or so.

Veteran Bingo Crooks, Wolverhampton, 126¼, proved he is still a force to be reckoned with by easily outpointing Mark Bliss, 126, over eight by 80-74, not losing a round.

It was Bliss's first bout since losing his Southern Area title, and he could not be faulted for determination, but it was Bingo's night, and his left jab was rarely out of his opponent's face. He boxed superbly, and proved there is no substitute for experience.

Roger Barlow, Coventry, beat Dave Mullings, Tottenham, 176, the bout being stopped in the sixth round. Mullings and manager Johnny Barclay protested strongly, and there were boos from many ringsiders.

Barlow was decked in the third, the bell saved him, he was taking punishment in the fifth, but he fought back strongly in the sixth. Mullings covered up briefly, and just as he was launching a counter-attack the referee intervened in Barlow's favour.

Granville Allan, Wednesbury, 140, beat former British champion Tommy Glencross, Glasgow, 139, who was disqualified in the sixth for low punching. Glencross had previously received a final warning.

Rocky Burton, Coventry, 175½, outpointed Joey Williams, 177, over four by 39-38. Williams was down in the third.

Paul Chance, 124½, outscored Tony Kerr, Aberdeen, 123, by 58-56 over six.

Mark Hill, Wednesbury, 128, won a six-rounds points victory over Larry Richards, Leicester, 127, by 39-38. Hill was decked in the third by a right hand, but recovered quickly and kept up the pressure until the end.

▲Caister—Carl Bailey, Manchester, 148¾, is entitled to wrap up Roysie Francis, Cardiff, 149, and take him home after beating him for the third time. Twice before he had won on points, this time he stopped Francis in five. In fairness to Francis, he came in as substitute, and although he didn't go down he was well behind on points when the referee intervened.

Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 143¾, easily outpointed Paddy McAleese, Norwich, 141, over eight by 79-74. Rodney won this one without exerting himself unduly, boxing impressively.

Theo Josephs, Huddersfield, 176½, outscored Danny McLoughlin, Manchester, 176, over eight. The latter threw a lot of punches, but many were wild. He was also warned frequently, but nevertheless the fans seemed to be on his side, and booed the verdict.

Steve Enwright, Bradford, 127, outpointed Tony Whitmore, Norwich, 128, by 59-57 over six. The bout was spoilt at times by holding.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester—Eddie Smith, Manchester, 161, outpointed Jimmy Pickard, Pudsey, 160, over eight by 79-76. In their two previous bout Pickard had won one, the other being drawn. This one was a slambang affair that appealed to the fans. Smith punched harder and more accurately, especially in the last couple of rounds.

Najib Daho, Manchester, 136½, outscored Mick Bell, Leicester, 138, over eight by 78-73. Their previous contest ended in a draw. On this occasion Daho was too sharp, and was invariably first to the punch.

Brian Snagg, Liverpool, 137, gained his second win in six days over Selwyn Bell, Manchester, 137, not losing a round in his 60-57 scoreline over six. Bell injured his shoulder in the second, and was down in the third.

Billy Nixon, Bradford, 149, boxed well for an 18-year-old, but his 58-57 points win against Carl North, Leicester, 148, looked mightly close in their six-rounder.

▲Heathrow Airport Centre Hotel—George Turpin, 135, seemed a trifle unlucky to gain only a draw against Barry Price, Brighton, 138, in their eight-rounder. Turpin worked intelligently in the first half of the contest to build up what should have been a commanding lead, but Price improved as time went on, and was on top in the two final sessions.

Nobbins were thrown in after Wally Angliss, Harrow, 124, has outpointed Alan Robertson, Newcastle, 125, over eight by 78-76. Robertson looked good early on: however, Angliss would not be deterred, and continued to come forward, scoring with hard lefts to the face, with Robertson concentrating on the body.

Colin Jones, 143, beat Martin Bridges, Bradford, 140½, the bout being stopped after the latter had been down twice.

H.H. Thompson, Catford, 159½, was decked in the opening session, but came right back to halt Davey Armstrong, Hackney, 158½, who was retired by his corner at the end of the second.

▲Cesar's Palace, Luton—British welter champ Henry Rhiney, 150, showed much of his old form after an indifferent period by beating Brian Gregory, Doncaster, 154, the bout being stopped in the sixth with the latter cut above the left eye and taking punishment. Gregory showed a lot of pluck, but once Rhiney turned it on the writing was on the wall.

Kendrick Edwards, Luton, 152, outpointed Tony Bogle,

Bradford, 147, by 59-56 over six.

Steve Holdsworth, Watford, 137, outscored Young John Daly, Northampton, 134, over six by the narrow margin of 58-57½ in a punch-up with both exhausted at the finish.

Eric Wood, Halifax, 132, had a comfortable points win over Gary Collins, 137, by 59-57 over six.

▲Leeds Town Hall—Central Area welter champ Terry Petersen, Leeds, 145½, kept his title by outpointing Chris Glover, Liverpool, 147, over twelve by 116-115.

Horace McKenzie, Cardiff, 148, beat Colin Deans, Jarrow, 149, the referee intervening in the seventh after Deans had been down.

Billy Lauder, 157, made it four in a row by outscoring substitute Joe Oke, Highgate, 154, over eight by 78-76. Strangely it was the sub who finished stronger.

Joe Hannaford, Shrewsbury, 158, outscored Dave Merrill, Leeds, 160, over six by 58-57.

Romal Ambrose, Leicester, 161, gained a six rounds points win over Mohammad Akram, Bradford, 160, scoreline 60-56.

▲Marton Country Club—Experienced George McGurk, Jarrow, 136½, twice put Jeff Pritchard, Merthyr, 133½, on the deck in the first round, but in the end could only win on points over eight. Scoreline 79-77. McGurk kept up the pressure until the close, but Pritchard did well to last out considering he was a substitute.

Charlie Parvin, Wishaw, 120½, made a unsuccessful comeback after two years inactivity, going down to John Feeney, Hartlepool, by 79-77 over eight. Feeney was down briefly in the fourth, but was generally too quick for the determined Parvin, who was obviously rung-rusty.

George Scott, Newcastle, 216, beat Bob Young, East Dulwich, 200, the referee intervening in the third after the latter had been down four times.

Howard Mills, Middlesbrough, 164, outscored Tony Kelsey, Stockton, 165½, over eight by 79-78. When they met before the result was a draw.

John Gilling, Peterlee, 154, beat Jim Fenwick, Jarrow, 152½, the bout being stopped in the third with the latter taking punishment.

▲20th Century Sporting Club, Southend—It is now ten in a row for Mick Mills, Islington, 149, who defeated Tim McHugh, 155, the referee intervening in the second. McHugh was down for nine in the first from a left hook, and three times in the second. It was Mills' ninth inside schedule.

Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 140, outpointed John Kelly, Rotherham, 138, over six by 59-58. The latter was decked in the fourth.

Carlton Benoit, Islington, 180, outscored Brian Paul, Basildon, 197, over eight by 79-75. Benoit put on the pressure in the last two rounds, and Paul had toresort to holding in order to keep out of trouble.

▲Liverpool Stadium—Robbie Davies, Birkenhead, 155, beat Jim Devanney, Bradford, 154½, the bout being stopped in the third after the latter had been down four times.

Welsh heavyweight champion Neville Meade, Swansea, 226, who was in fact born in Jamaica, defeated Bruce Grahndham, Kirkby, 212, who was born in the United States, the referee intervening, also in the third.

Southpaw Fran Hands, Liverpool, 175, beat Northern Area champion Reg Long, Newcastle, 174½, the bout being halted in the seventh after the latter had been down twice.

Joe Lally, Liverpool, 154½, defeated Charlie Malarkey, Glasgow, 153½, the referee intervening in the eighth and final round when the latter was cut over the left eye following a clash of heads.

Steve Goodwin, Bootle, 151, outpointed Prince Rodney, 145½, Huddersfield, over six by 59-57.

▲Southgate Royalty Nitespot, London—Mick Mills, Islington, 149, had no trouble in outpointing substitute Owen Robinson, Birmingham, 160, over eight by 79-74. When they met previously Robinson was stopped, but this time he did well to take all his opponent could throw at him.

Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, 155, kayoed debutant Martin Coracchio, Bournemouth, 162, in two.

Karl Canwell, Highgate, 175, outscored Pat Thompson, Islington, 177, over eight by the narrow margin of 78-77.

▲Manor Place Baths, London—Peter Neal, Swindon, 146, emulated his manager Ricky Porter in winning the Southern Area welter title by outpointing Johnny Pincham, Crawley, 146½, over ten by 96-94. The crown was vacant. It was only Neal's 12th bout, and he boxed well to earn his victory against a man who came back strongly after two knockdowns.

Dave Proud, Penge, 151, who gave up the title won by Neal to compete as a light-middle, outpointed Tiger Quaye, Ghana, 152, by 80-72 over eight, winning every round. Proud impressed by his combination punching, and was scoring in the ration of four or five to one. Quaye jabbed neatly with his southpaw right, and was always willing to make a fight of it.

Colin Ward, Northampton, 156, outpointed Albert Hillman, Farnborough, 155¾, over eight by 78-76. Small nobbins came in afterwards, and it was a good bout to watch, with Ward pressurising his man throughout, and Hillman losing an early lead.

Salvo Nunciforo, Falmouth, 158, beat Clifton Wallace, Birmingham, 160½, the bout being stopped in the sixth and final round with Wallace in no position to defend himself. It was Salvo's fourth successive quick win.

Andy Braidwood, Peckham, 148, used his southpaw jab to good effect and confirmed a previous win by outpointing Dennis Price, Wolverhampton, 149¼, over six, by 59-56.

▲Barnsley Civic Hall—Neil Malpass, 212, defeated Irishman Sean Reilly, 212½, the referee intervening in the third with the latter cut near the left eye, an injury sustained in the opening round.

Another injured boxer was Lawrence Devanney, Bradford, 127½, who overcame a cut under the right eye in the fourth to outscore Paul Clemit, Barnsley, 131, by 78-77. The margin seemed greater.

Mick Durkin, Bradford, 147, outpointed Peter Rushforth, Leeds, 149½, over six by 59-57. Rushforth was decked in the fourth. It was Durkin's fifth consecutive contest without defeat.

Selwyn Bell, Manchester, 134, outpointed Rod Collinson, Bradford, 133, over six by 60-55, not losing a round. Collinson was down in the fourth.

▲National Sporting Club, London—After being inactive for 18 months, Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 179, did well to outpoint Sid Falconer, Bournemouth, 173½, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round.

Billy Jeram, Bermondsey, 139, gained a narrow points win against Brian Snagg, Liverpool, 139, scoreline 58-57 over six.

Dave McCabe, Glasgow, 138, outscored Tony Carroll, Liverpool, 137, by 59-57 over six. Not a good fight to watch, with too much holding.

Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, 141, outpointed Dave Taylor, 141, over eight by 78-76. Gordon was at his best in the middle rounds.

▲Slough Fulcrom—The two top events both were rewarded by nobbins. Over eight Mickey Morse, Burnt Oak, 147, deserved his points win over Roy Commosioung, Luton, 151. Scoreline 77-76, with Morse doing all the forcing, and Roy the countering.

Rocky Beaumont, Hull, 133, also deserved his victory over the promoter's son Steve Holdsworth, Watford, 134, who was twice decked. Scoreline 59-56 after an excellent six-rounder which also got nobbins.

Kendrick Edwards, Luton, 154, jabbed his way to a six-rounds points win over Mohamed Akram, Lees, 154, by 60-54, which meant that the former had won over four.

▲Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham—In a contest between two heavyweights who hadn't been in the ring for two years, Eddie Neilson, Swindon, 211, was decked in the opening round, but came back to beat Paul Tucker, Islington, 182, the bout being stopped in the second.

Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 138, and Jeff Pritchard, New Tredegar, 131, earned their nobbins in a fine eight-rounder won by Varden on points. Scoreline 78-77. Plenty of toe-to-toe stuff, with Varden the cleaner puncher.

Paul Shutt, Leicester, 161, outpointed George Salmon, Stoke, 163, over eight by 77-76.

Tony Laing, Nottingham, and Bertie Green, Birmingham, drew over six in a welter scrap, but many thought that in spite of the latter's good finish it wasn't enough to make up the leeway gained by Laing.

▲Kingston Coronation Hall—Pat Cowdell, Kingston and Warley, 128¼, made it five in a row by outpointing Kevin Docherty, 128¼, over eight by 80-74, not losing a round.

Mohammed Younis, Walsall, 120½, drew with George Sutton, Cardiff, 120¾, over eight, and nobbins were thrown in after a hectic set-to.

Nobbins again after Wally Angliss, Harrow, 123½, had outpointed Mike Pickett, Merthyr, 121½, over eight by 78-77. Angliss thus repeated a win over Pickett at the same venue two months earlier.

Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 140, outpointed Tommy Glencross, Glasgow, over eight by 78-76. Allen thus proved a point, for two weeks previously he had beaten Glencross on a disqualification when many thought Tommy was in front.

This time Glencross came in as a substitute and weighed in at his heaviest ever, 139½. He was down in the fourth, yet looked good up to the halfway stage, but understandably tired in the closing rounds.

Austin Okoye, Streatham, 198, kayoed Brian Paul, Basildon, 201½, in the fifth after previously flooring his man four times.

Clint Jones, Crawley, 169, gained a close points verdict over Allan Tashy, Merthyr, by 78-77 in their six-rounder. Jones was the more accurate.

▲Enniskillen Forum—Pro boxing at this venue for the first time, and rewarded by a capacity corwd of 1,200. Well done, promoter Phil McLaughlin, who had lost money at the three previous venues in Ireland.

Two local boxers, both Irish amateur internationals, made successful pro debuts. Gordon Ferris, 188, kayoed Keith Johnson, Barnsley, 194, in five and Dave Campbell, 135, kaoyed Gene McGarrigal, Strabane, 137, in three. The latter came in as a substitute.

Another debutant, Trevor Kerr, Enniskillen, 160, outpointed Albert Smith, Sheffield, 163, by 80-76 over eight, not losing a round.

Gerry Burns, Belfast, 135, outscored Billy Rabbitt, Strabane, 137, over six by 60-57, another who didn't lose a round.

▲Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford—Carl Bailey, Manchester, 148, outpointed Joe Hannaford, Liverpool, 154, over eight, overcoming a weight handicap. The latter had an injury to his nose and also his left eye, but battled on courageously to be on the wrong end of an 80-73 scoreline.

Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 147, drew with Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, 150, over six. When they met eleven days earlier Goodwin won on points.

Experienced Pat Thompson, 177, easily outscored Theo Josephs, Huddersfield, over eight by 80-74, a repeat victory of a few weeks earlier.

Billy Nixon, Bradford, 148½, gained an easy points win over Dave Dunn, Rossendale, 148, who was having his first bout for nearly four years. Scoreline 60-55.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. Billy Aird (E)
2. Geirge Chuvalo (C)
3. John L. Gardner (E)
4. Denton Ruddock (J)
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6. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
7. Les Stevens (E)
8. Terry Mintus (E)
9. Tony Moore (J)
10. Fonomanu Sekona (T)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. John H. Stracey (E)
3. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
4. Vernon Lewis (Guyana)
5. Steve Dennis (A)
6. Henry Rhiney (J)
7. Andy Broome (A)
8. Billy Waith (W)
9. Kevin White (E)
10. Kirkland Laing (J)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Bunny Johnson (J)
3. Rab Affleck (E)
4. Victor Attivor (G)
5. Roy John (W)
6. Tim Wood (E)
7. Phil Martin (E)
8. Mustapha Wassaja (Ug)
9. Gary Summerhays (C)
10. Al Korovou (A)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Baby Cassius Austin (A)
1. Hector Thompson (A)
2. Martin Beni (Papua)
3. Colin Powers (E)
4. Des Morrison (J)
5. Chris Davies (W)
6. Ross Eadie (A)
7. Clinton McKenzie (E)
8. Chris Walker (E)
9. Jeff Malcolm (A)
10. Binky Reminski (A)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Sulley Shittu (G)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Johnny Owen (W)
3. Wayne Evans (E)
4. Gary Davidson (W)
5. George Sutton (W)
6. David Austin (A)
7. Wally Angliss (E)
8. John Hipwell (A)
9. John Feeney (E)
10. John Kellie (S)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Bunny Sterling (J)
4. Jean-Claud LeClair (C)
5. Julius Luipa (Zam)
6. Frankie Lucas (St. Vin.)
7. Daniel Levesque (C)
8. Gerard Bouchard (C)
9. Viti Patterson (NZ)
10. Kevin Odus (N)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Les Blackmore (Guyana)
1. Jonathan Dele (N)
2. Jim Watts (S)
3. Charlie Nash (I)
4. Barry Michael (A)
5. Billy Mulholland (A)
6. Cleveland Denny (C)
7. Johnny Claydon (E)
8. Claude Noel (Tr)
9. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Ug)
10. Tommy Dunn (E)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Zam)
1. Steve Bell (A)
2. Charlie Magri (E)
3. Charlie Brown (A)
4. Dave Smith (E)
5. Neil McLaughlin (I)
6. Sam Eke (N)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Ayub Kalule (Ug)
3. Elisha Obed (Bah)
4. Jimmy Batten (E)
5. Wally Carr (A)
6. John Layton (A)
7. Neil Pattel (A)
8. Sammy Barr (Bah)
9. Tony Poole (E)
10. Larry Paul (E)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Alan Richardson (E)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. Les Pickett (W)
5. Da Veve Needham (E)
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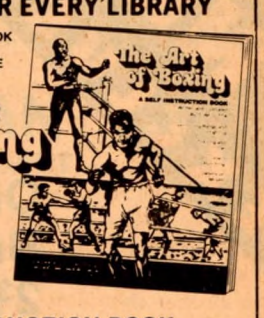

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
Chuck Gardner stopped Baker Tinsley, KO1
George Moastardini halted Henry Williams, KO1, then stopped Troy Bolden KO2
Jim Beatty beat Larry Beilfuss, 8
Mustafa El-Amin halted Lincoln E. Infa Jo, KO1
Dave Johnson beat Malik Dozier, 4
Jimmy Pearish stopped Ike McIntosh, KO1
Gerrie Coetzee stopped Johnny Boudreaux, KO6
Guy Casale beat Joe Maye, 6
Jerry Cooney halted Jimmy Sykes, KO1
Lenis Provo beat DeWayne Wiley, W4
Robbie Bryant whipped Victor Van Fleet, 5
Vic Van Fleet halted Eli Smith, 2
Roy Wallace halted Peter Francis, 1
Neville Meade stopped Bruce Grandham, 3
Harry Terrell halted Bob Bozic, 2

LIGHTHEAVIES
Julius Noble stopped Lee Thomas, KO1
Biff Cline halted Dave Dittmar, KO6
Alvaro Yaqui Lopez stopped Butch Geiggar, KO4
Kosie Smith stopped James Mathatho, KO3
(South African Lightheavyweight Title)
Len Provo stopped Amado Vasquez, 2
Gene Muldrow halted Chris Constanza, KO3
Salvatore Van Filippo stopped Dave Horne, 3
John Kane was stopped by Pat Murphy, 6
Ramon Ranquillo halted Melvin Richardson, 8

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Ray Seales whipped Doug Demmings, 15
David Dakers whipped Billy Goodwin, W8
Jose Peterson halted Irish Paddy Wilson, KO4
Keith Broom whipped Tyrone Freeman, 6
Tony McMinn stopped Pete Knight, KO4
Willie Classen stopped Ricky Burgess, KO1
Tony Danza stopped Ray Bryant, KO1
Russell Pope stopped Lalo Barriente, KO7
Ernie Pope beat Pasqual Ramierez, 5
James Waire beat Hector Fernandez, 4
Gil Rosario beat Ray Villanueva, 6
Leon McCullen knocked out Paul Arriago, 6
Jesse Lara beat Eddie Mitchell, 8
Melvin Dennis beat Johnny Heard, 10
Johnny Baldwin stopped Effrain Gonzales, 1

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Arnell Thomas halted Bobby Crawford, KO1
Odell Leonard beat Julio Garcia, 6
Johnny Gant shipped Freddie Boynton, 10
Sultan Salhaddin was halted by Gustavo Oropeza, KO6
Victor Martinez halted Miguel De La Mora, 2
Greg Stephens beat Steve Delgado, 6
Cosmo Calirignola was stopped by Donnell McCrea, 1
Kenji Shibata beat Sumio Kai via KO3
(Japanese Jr. Middleweight Title)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Roland Pryor beat Ray Fields, 6
Sugar Ray Leonard halted Hector "Chinito" Diaz, KO2
Curtis Williams halted Clyde Spencer, KO4
Carlos Palomino stopped Jose Palacios, KO13
(Retained WBC Welterweight Title)
Joe Baez beat Rosemberg Rodriguez, 4
Ralph Torres was halted by Alfredo Perez, KO2
Jimmy Jackson beat Gustavo Garcia, 10
Jose Cota defeated Rocky Fukumoto 4
Victor Martinez halted Francisco Ortega, KO3
Julio Gomez stopped Antonio Leyva, KO3
Bert Lee and James Bella, Drew 6
Joe Maldonado beat Curtis Lewis, 6
Armando Muniz halted Pete Ranzany, 6
Enrique Silva beat Miguel Landeros, 5
Sam Hailstock defeated Mike Bullock, 8
Aarturo Cirilos stopped Danny Bannaster, 2
Clyde Gray beat Vernon Lewis, 15
(Commonwealth Welterweight Title)
William Watkins whipped Arturo Clirlos, 4

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Ronnie JJ Johnson and Eddie Rogers Drew, 6
Bramley Whiteboy beat Tadios Fisher, 8
Rolly Xipu and Norman Sekgapane, Drew 10
Howard Jackson beat Gonzalo Alvarado, 5
Albert Guevara lost to Vicente Hernadez, 6
Raul Monge Defeated Canelo Salinas, via KO5
Monroe Brooks stopped Abraham Perez, 12

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Herman Monts beat Fidel Fraijo, W5
Luis Hubela stopped Mike Leonard, KO1
Raymond Enriguez beat Frank Jasso via KO1
Roberto Elizondo beat Victor Cid, 8
Eric Bonilla and Moses Armas Drew, 6
Gonzalo Montellano beat Roman Contreras, 10
Art Frias whipped Ray Saldivar, 10
Ricardo Flores beat Jose Soto, 6
Termite Watkins beat Steven Roman, 10
Ray Cattouse beat Jeff Pritchard, 8
Tommy Davitt whipped Billy Vivian, 8

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Reynaldo Zaragoza stopped Joe A Baker, KO3
Jacob Morake beat Johan Weyer, 4
Evans Gwiji stopped Eddie Mileham, KO5
Frankie Baltazar halted Tony Sanchez, KO2
Miguel Ruiz was stopped by Moses Armas, KO2
Eulogio Bojorquez and Jauan Sanchez, Drew 6
John Glover whipped Isaias Villanova, 4
Ron James defeated Malcolm Driver, 4
Ruben Olivares beat Richard Gutierrez, 10

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Toni Lear stopped Speedie Ruth Maynor, KO2
Sean O'Grady halted Bill Pearish, KO2
Fel Clemente was whipped by Miguel Meza, 10
Cecil Baatjies stopped Lucas Tlala, KO4
Chris Dlamini beat Manuel De Paiva, 8
Caiphus Khotle beat Alexis Khaeeane, 4
Spider Moeketsi halted Dafid Nyakane, KO3
Jose Resediz beat Horacio Pintado, 4
Jesus Fernandez halted Carlos Ortiz, 1Valentin Hogguin beat Fermin Navarro, 5
James Magnifico defeated Louis E. Rivera, 4
Richard Rozell halted Carlos Zayas, 2

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Wilfredo Gomez kayoed Royal Koboyashi, 3
(Retained WBC Super Bantamweight Title)
Tony Fernandez beat Artuor Ulloa, 6
Jose Villegas lost to Mario Chavez, 8
Victor Rocha was stopped by Roy Hernandez, 5
Tarcisio Gomez lost to Mike Ayala, 10
Hideo Koayashi and Kosei Anan drew, 10
Go Numata beat Go Mifune, 10
(Japanese Bantamweight Title)

FLYWEIGHTS
Alberto "Super Fly Sandoval halted Orlando Javierto, KO6
Michalel Khuto lost to Samuel Serekego, 4
Dexter Dhlamini beat Charles McGeer, 4
Armando Franco beat Demtrio Torres, 4
Tito Arzate whipped Demetrio Torres, 5
Adelaido Galindo beat Moro Medina, 8
Jose Herrera defeated Mariano Garcia, 10
Charlie Magri stopped Dave Smith, 7
Franco Udella beat Emilio Pireddu, 15
(European Flyweight Title)
Shigeo Nakajima won over Nanasha Toroyuki, KO4

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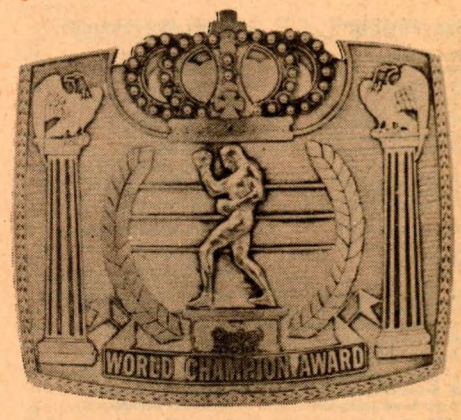

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PUNCH LINES

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fries had not had a worthwhile fight.

I have before me an article which says that Johnson was over six feet and 15 stones in weight, an impression of giant proportions. In fact, in his prime he was 6-¼ feet and at his best, 13 stone—12 pounds, hardly the equipment for the title Greatest Heavyweight of All Time.

They said of Marciano that he was the toughest heavyweight of all time. Rubbish! He was only a doll, really. Marciano said his toughest fight was against Walcott and that he (Marciano) was knocked down, bleeding, hurt and very lucky to win. This, mind you, against a man over or approaching forty years of age who had retired five times previously.

If only Muhammed could punch! The same could be said of Pinocchio. Much has been said of his 6-3 height, but his best weight couldn't have been much beyond 14-½ stones. He couldn't knock a rubber doll down.

That's enough punching for today. Don't bother to reply to this letter. Stick to company rules: no stamp envelope, no reply. Faithfully,

Brian King
Abercynon, Wales
United Queendom

P.S. Jeffries? He'd eat them for breakfast.

LIKED PETE MEAD STORY

I've been an avid reader of Ring since 1947, a period of 30 years, and I truly have never enjoyed it as much as I did in reading the piece on Pete Mead in your October issue.

The splendid account of Pete Mead's career brought back to me many pleasant memories when I recalled fight announcer Don Dunphy's exciting account of Mead's 1949 Madison Square Garden bout with that notorious puncher, Joey DeJohn. It was just like yesterday.

My hat is off to Joel Lipsitt who had the clairvoyance to recapture a few wonderful moments of many outstanding performances rendered by Mead, a true gentleman and credit to the fight game. The numerous laudatory comments reaped upon Mead are well deserved and warrant such high accolades.

It appears that Mr. Lipsitt is relatively new to your staff as I have just recently been enjoying his new and creative style in covering the Memphis fight scene. Is Jimmy Heair really on the comeback trail and who is this new, exciting Memphis featherweight, Eddie "The Flea" Freeman? Is Freeman a worthy opponent for the New England sensation, Jimmy Farrell, who is ranked 10th in the U.S. Ring ratings?

David Souza
South Darthmouth, Mass.

IN SHAVERS' DEFENSE

I'm tired of all the so-called "boxing experts" demeaning Earnie Shavers' performance against Muhammad Ali. There is no question Ali is in the latter stages of his career; however, he is still the champion and thus, the best heavyweight in the world. Shavers fought a great fight. He had the champion in trouble in the second, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth rounds. There can be no doubt Shavers is the hardest puncher in the world. He will be the next champion.

John Opal
Wayne, N.J.

A PREDICTION FOR '78

As a reader and collector of your magazine and record books, I would like to make a "1978 prediction" in print that Muhammad Ali will NOT retire until he has surpassed Joe Louis' 25 title defenses, and that is like Hank Aaron breaking Babe Ruth's home run record!

Charles A. Rollins Jr.
New York City, N.Y.

DINNER FIGHTS A SMASH ON L.I.

By CHARLES D. BROWN

Hauppauge, L.I.,N.Y.—A daring experiment at Colonie Hill, a ritzy catering, dining, and singles club complex on Long Island, turned out to be a smash success. An England-style combination of fancy food mixed with local club boxing at $20 a head turned out a packed house of 1,500 people, including former heavy champ Jersey Joe Walcott. Things were an hour late in starting, but promoter Jimmy Winters and Colonie Hill officieas had the luxury of mollifying the crowd with flowing liquor and roast beef dinners, and not a squawk was heard.

Seven bouts of varying quality were put on, and all three of the headlining Long Island fighters won their bouts, though not in the uniform spectacular style one might have wished for.

Certainly the win of rough Merrick, L.I. lightweight Larry Stanton (135) was not in his usual manner. The usually slugging lightweight was away off, but managed to capture a unanimous decision over Rufus (Hawk) Miller (135½; Paterson, N.J.). Stanton displayed none of the "watch my smoke" style that impressed Madison Square Garden crowds in November 1977, when he beat Johnny Turner. He kept his right hand in reserve and wasn't as much of an aggressor as he should have been. He appeared drained to the core, and I suspect illness.

Never one to handle smart boxers with impunity, there were times when Stanton was counter punched silly by Miller. But luckily, Miller didn't posess the punch to dent Stanton to a worrisome degree. That enabled Stanto to stick around and show just enough flashes of his rough style to squeeze home ahead. But he showed his old fire only in the sixth round, when he momentarily cut Miller above the left eye and proceeded to work on the gash with vigor. It was quickly repaired by Miller's corner. It was a scrappy fight, but the crowd expected fireworks and was disappointed.

Another erratic lightweight contender, Irish Paddy Dolan (136; Northport), showed his old stuff for the first time in several months and scored a convincing revenge win over Ron Maewether (133½;Newark), who had decisioned Dolan two years earlier. This time Dolan took early charge and won a unanimous eight-round verdict.

Dolan, a smooth boxer with a fairly questionable chin, didn't lose his head when hurt this time. He picture-booked Maewether into exhaustion by round five, using a crisp jab that he had forgotten he owned in previous bouts. Maewether drew cheers for his gutty performance. He never stopped trying to put across the big KO blow despite his tiredness, but he could only shake Dolan up a few times.

Gerry Cooney, the big Golden Gloves heavyweight champ from Huntington, LI.I., made his return to the ring after breaking his thumb in a Madison Square Garden prelim a while back. Cooney won his fifth undefeated straight as a pro. The 219-pound Cooney scored the win over one Terry Kidd of Teaneck, N. J. Kidd weighed 215, but Cooney towered over him by a ridiculous margin. The weird-looking Kidd threw a hard flurry, Cooney stepped back and snapped a couter-blow to the jaw, and Kidd was out of it at 29 seconds of round one. Ick.

A six-round prelim pitted Roy Edmonds (161;NYC) against someone billed as Prince Phelps (Brooklyn) Prince was really Tyrone Phelps, a welterweight who was nowhere near his announced weight of 160. So Edmonds pulverized the helplessly outmanned Phelps into a TKO at 2:10 of the second round. A hard but accidental low blow softened Phelps up for the stopping head barrage.

In a fight so slow-motionized it seemed that both men were under anesthesia, Dave Bolden (140;NYC) finally managed to TKO Malcolm Driver at 28 seconds of round five. It was a scheduled six. Driver (136½;Brooklyn) was the recipient of a standing eight-count by ref Billy Graham the round before the stoppate.

In a gory four-rounder, Tommy McNeece (Oakdale, L.I.) won a narrow decision over Angel Ortiz (170;NYC). Stringbean McNeece fought with a messy cut below the left eye that fortunately did not interfere with his vision. It was making a few people ill. He managed to bloody Ortiz's nose in return and edge him. Ortiz slipped in the 2nd and it was called a knockdown. In the opening four, Tommy Molloy (155¼;Merrick, LI.I) won an uneventful decision over Earl Harris (156), Hepstead, L.I.

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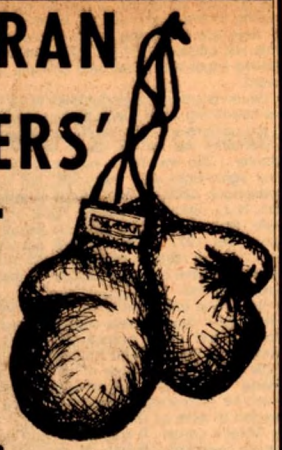

By Harry Warren

VETERAN Boxers Association, Ring 8, of New York City, held a successful 23rd Annual dinner and dance at the exclusive banquet facilities offered by the Carlyle Club in Brooklyn recently.

The Honorees were NAT LOUBET, Publisher and Editor of The Ring magazine; FLOYD PATTERSON, former two-time heavyweight champion of the world and a Commissioner of the New York State Athletic Commission; also past president of Ring #8 and former featherweight contender AL REID, who holds wins over several former world champions during his career including SANDY SADDLER and the ever faithful ABE BERMAN, long-time Recording Secretary of Ring #8. ABE also distinguished himself as an amateur boxer before turning pro. He was included in the selection for the Olympic Boxing Trials. A large attendance turned out including many former world champions.

REQUEST TO ALL FIGHTERS—Will all fighters who fought in the Hollywood Legion Stadium please contact the president of the Cauliflower Alley Club, MIKE MAZURKI. A special celebration is being planned and member and writer DICK MASTRO would like to hear from you with information regarding the dates, opponents, and results for a publication to commemorate and perpetuate the glorious history of the arena.

CHARLIE WALLACE and WALTER WALLACE are members of the Ring #25, Essex, Morris and Union Counties, in the State of New Jersey. WALTER is now in the process of writing a book, *Jersey Fighters*. All New Jersey former and current boxers, contact WALTER at 1024 Prospect Street, Hillside, New Jersey, 07205. Include a capsule of your biography with a photograph, if possible. . . .News of former fighters in the VBA Ring #25: HENRY FOERST, who fought pro as JACK McFARLAND celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife GERT, at Parillo's Restaurant in Belleville, N.J. Despite the fact that he is blind today, many members of the local boxing groups turned out and HENRY, or should I say JACK, told how he could still see his brother, another great pugilist from New Jersey, the Late DOC CONRAD, who toed the mark with many of the best men during his era. GERT and JACK live in a trailer in Mobile Park in Brick Township, New Jersey. JACK McFARLAND fought from 1919 thru to 1930, was managed by JOHNNIE ANTHES and fought out of Elisabeth, N.J. Among his many ring battles were SGT. SAMMY BAKER, PAUL DOYLE, BENNY VOLGER, BILLY LEWIS, IRISH FAGAN, GEORGIE WARD, and BILLY ANGELO. He was nicknamed "The Betsytown Terror." Old timers will recall that Elisabeth used to be known as Betsytown. . . . Your reporter received a fabulous welcome at the Cauliflower Alley Club, at the club's headquarters located at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, 1628 N. El Centro, Hollywood, California 90028. The clubrooms are decorated with fistic luminaries, and fight posters, with plaques around the walls of all the wrestlers and boxers who have been honored by the club during the past ten years. Former welter champion JIMMY McLARNIN, former Jr. welter champion MUSHY CALLAHAN, former welter contender NOBLE "Kid" Chissell, former wrestling champions COUNT BILLY VARGA, MIKE "IRONMAN" MAZURKI, provided me with enough anecdotes to keep me supplied for my columns for years. An amazing group of former greats of boxing and wrestling get together at the "luncheon" type meetings and a buff would go crazy with the autograph book at these weekly (every Wednesday at midday) meetings. Among others at the meeting I attended were: GORILLA JONES, LOU NOVA, DAVE LEVIN, CEFERINO GARCIA, RITCHIE LEMOS and AL BAFFERT. . . . It brought back many incidents and happy times as a boxer when I had a chat with the very distinguished MARSHALL L. WRIGHT. With MARSHALL was the former boxer and later a wrestler AL BAFFERT (Andre Adoree). As a boxer, big AL spent time in the ring as an exhibition opponent with champions like JACK DEMPSEY, MAX BAER, GEORGE GODFREY and MICKEY WALKER. In World War II, he toured the Far East with JOE LOUIS and to South America with PRIMO CARNERA. This adorable Frenchman, an accomplished marine machinist, is also well known for his acting on the movies and the stage. . . . It was wonderful to meet up with "Mr. Boxing," EVERETT L. SANDERS, the former chairman of the California Athletic Commission. It was this gentleman who, in 1959, ordered me to undergo TWO medical inspections. He could not understand why a man of 38 years wanted to continue in the ring when, at the time, the greatest lightweights were in predominance in Los Angeles! Nevertheless, Doctor BREAKSTONE, the Commission doctor, certified me 100% and with my west coast manager NORMAN LOCKWOOD, fights were arranged for me. EVERETT SANDERS is a staunch supporter of veteran boxing groups, and is also involved with the Cauliflower Alley Club and the International Shrine for Boxers and Wrestlers. . . . Two former women wrestling champions take a very active interest in the Cauliflower Alley Club, namely MILDRED BURKE and MARIA BERNARDI. The latter is the secretary to the club. . . . Former lightweight champion RODOLFO GONZALES moved from Hollywood, Calif., to New Mexico where he will operate a motel which he bought. . . .

If you ask a British fight fan, "Who were the greatest heavyweights?" you can bet the name LEN HARVEY will come up. The American fight fan could well be unaware of the merits of this great fighter, who was born a stone's throw from the birthplace of another great champion, ROBERT FITZSIMMONS. HARVEY started boxing at age 12 and held the British middle, lightheavy (twice) and heavyweight (twice titles. He fought for the world title three times and was recognized as lightheavy champion of the world by the British Boxing Board of Control. LEN had 300 recorded fights, with only eleven losses. Now an exciting book has been written by GILBERT ODD, Little Court, Church Lane, Northiam. Nr. Rye, Sussex, England. TN31 6NA. The book has 70,000 words, 250 pages, 45 photographs and is in hard cover: Pelham Books, 52 Bedford Square, London, WCIB 3EF England. Autographed copies can be obtained from Mr. Odd. $13. Postage Free.

When I visited Austin, Texas, recently to be the house guest of former heavyweight champion of Texas, BIG GIL STROMQUIST, who operates a large nite club at 5500 South Congress Avenue, I met up with another former Texas favorite, "BANJO" TOM ATTRA. He is 58 now, his hair is grey, his weight is only 10 pounds off his old fighting days, which proves that the great conditioning has paid off. A two-time national amateur champion, never more than 172-pounds, with 188 amateur and pro bouts under his belt, he recalls, with a sigh, "I got to the national semifinals at Chicago, it was just my luck to meet a tough guy in that year. His name was JOEY MAXIM. He beat me, but I was proud of it later, for he went on to become the light heavyweight champion of the world."

Many old-time fans still remember ATTRA. A poll was recently held by The Austin-American Statesman, a large circulation newspaper in Texas. ATTRA appeared second on the poll to Port Arthur's MORRIS CORONA, a snappy ex-lightweight. Another Port Arthur fighter bantamweight, DICK MENCHACA was third, and ROY HARRIS, who made Cut and Shoot, his hometown, famous when he battled as a heavyweight, was named fourth. ATTRA now owns a newspaper stand just across from the Capital

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ESPADAS OUTCLASSES FURESAWA IN SEVEN

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, JAPAN — It was quite a lopsided affair. WBA flyweight champion Guty (Gustavo) Espadas battered Japanese Kimio Furesawa from all angles, dropped him with a good right and was awarded a technical kayo triumph in 1:27 of the seventh round before some 5,000 spectators at Shinagawa Sports Center.

From the start the 23-year-old Espadas, III, swarmed over Furesawa, 27, 112, with a strong two-fisted attack. Almost at will the Mexican hombre scored with heavy lefts and rights to have the Nipponese challenger retreating. Guty won the first round. Espadas, of the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico, was such a powerful flyweight that he had demolished all three challengers within the distance since he dethroned Alfonso Lopez of Panama via a 13th round kayo on October 2, 1976.

Furesawa's strategy was to avert any reckless mix-up, outjab the shorter champ and counterpunch him, if possible. However Guty came forward all the way. With crafty head slippings and duckings Guty easily had his rival's jabs missing and tossed strong, fine rallies.

The twinkling eyed Espadas dominated the second and third rounds by a wide margin. Midway in the third session, we witnessed a big red ribbon from Furesawa's nose. A knockdown was scored in round four, when the far shorter Guty landed a very well-timed short right at the button of Kimio, who went down on the seat of his pants. The bleeding challenger endured the storm with rubbery legs to be saved by the bell.

Though Furesawa's nose bleeding seemed to cease in round five, his mental and physical damage after the knockdown never disappeared. He was cornered by the aggressive Guty time and again to absorb more heavy punishment, losing another round.

During the sixth round, Espadas threw few punches to have the weary challenger freely toss his desperate blows, most of which could not reach Guty's face. The Mexican puncher seemed to realize that Furesawa's power and speed were fading rapidly, although all officials gave the round to the Japanese.

As soon as the seventh canto began, Guty aimed at a quick finish—as he said later was due to his handler Beto Rivelo's instructions. For over one minute Guty banged him out at his mercy. When one more solid blow would collapse Furesawa to make a flattened pancake, Espadas' overhand right opened a wide and deep gash over Furesawa's left eyebrow.

Rudy Jordan, a U.S. referee, immediately declared a stoppage after a proper examination by a JBC physician.

We have never seen such a hard-hitting type of flyweight as Espadas, the only exception being Argentine Pascual Perez, who wrested the world title from Yoshio Shirai in 15 unanimous rounds in 1954, and knocked out the former champ in five fierce rounds of their return bout in 1955, both in Tokyo.

Furesawa had become one of top 112-pounders in Japan because of an upset eighth round kayo over ex-world titlist Shoji Oguma at Korakuen Hall in December 1976. The Japanese was completely outclassed by WBC champion Miguel Canto at the same arena six months ago.

Up to the stoppage, the third man, Jordan, and Japanese judge Yusaku Yoshida tabbed dual 59-54, while another official, Jose Escalante of Mexico, had it 59-55, all in Guty's favor.

At the close of the fight, with no bruises or cuts on his face, Guty Espadas said, "I did not take any solid blows. Furesawa was a game, good fighter. I became confident of retaining the title midway in the contest."

Furesawa breathlessly said: "Espadas was the strongest puncher I have ever met. All his blows were terrific. I am happy to fight with outstanding Mexicans like of Canto and Espadas. Both were very excellent, too much for me."

ALBERTO COLLAZO

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his best punch. "I think my right is as good as anyone's in my class—not fancy, just a straight right hand, but I move a lot to set it up." Collazo's humility in appraising his ring prowess is uncalled for. He is, according to veteran observers, a ring tactician. "The kid is putting it all together. He knows what he's doing out there," one oldtimer commented. "And," he added, "he's finding out that there isn't too much he can't do!"

Collazo was asked just how he approached a fight, an opponent. "I get into the ring and study the man first. . . try to learn what kind of a boxer he is. I'm careful not to let him start ahead of me. A key is to hit hard and be sure to start at the same time. I try to be prepared; it is important to do what you want to do to be able to get him and put your punches right where you want them. I do that; I hurt the man; I show him that I'm the boss."

It, apparently, is going to take a great deal to convince Alberto Collazo that he isn't the boss of that ring. Besides his skillful tactics, Collazo is also a tower of strength.

One of his sparring partners is undefeated welterweight Art McKnight. The two have become close friends, but friendship is sometimes forgotten in the heat of battle. During one sparring session, McKnight unleashed a right uppercut.

Frank DiLeo recounts the event: "It was a helluva punch. Alberto went up a good inch in the air, blinked, and kept on boxing. When he came back to his corner, I found that he had bitten through his mouthpiece, right through. There are a half dozen witnesses to that. The mouthpiece was guaranteed! The kid can take a punch as well as anyone I've ever seen."

Has he been adequately tested? DiLeo replied, "That's hard to say. Each time Alberto fights, he learns. I don't know how to find an opponent or opponents at this point in his career who can really test him because he *is* still learning. You just can't answer that question. He has fought a variety of opponents, though."

Of all his opponents, excluding Whipple, Alberto Collazo found Benny Marquez his toughest foe. "He was smart, you know. He didn't waste effort, and he could hit." Collazo defeated Marquez in six, although he sustained a cut over his left eye that sidelined him for a few weeks.

And what of the future? What plans has the 23-year-old made? What plans have been made for him?

"I just want to go to the top," says the superb athlete.

And the top doesn't seem that far away for the young man from Pittsburgh.

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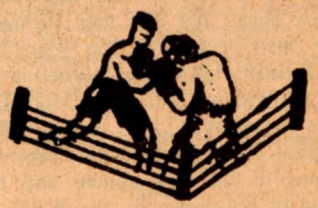

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By JACK A. TREE

EUROPE BOASTS TEN WORLD, 31 EBU TITLE BOUTS IN 1977

1977 was quite a good year for professional boxing on the continent, and in particular for Italy where fourteen of the thirty one European titles fights were staged supported by no fewer than five (two took place in Monte Carlo) world championship affairs. In all there was 31 European title bouts, the same number as in 1976, and ten contests for a world crown.

Eckhard Dagge, Germany, defended his WBC junior middle title drawing with Briton Maurice Hope, but was then dethroned by Rocky Mattioli later in the year. In May Jesse Burnett, USA, was hurried to Monte Carlo at short notice to face Miguel Cuello for the vacant WBC light heavyweight title. Champion John Conteh, of Great Britain, withdrew at the last minute and he was stripped of his crown by the WBC. Cuello got off the canvas in round four to KO Burnett in the ninth.

In Madrid in June, southpaw Shengsak Muangsurin, Thailand, retained his WBC junior welterweight title outscoring Spaniard Perico Fernandez over fifteen rounds. At Monte Carlo in July we saw Carlos Monzon making his last performance in the ring. He staked the world middleweight title against Rodrigo Valdes and won on points. In Rome, Victor Galindez retained the WBA light heavyweight title, outscoring Alavro Lopez before a crowd of 8,000, and in November he returned to decision Eddie Gregory, USA, in Turin. Also in November at Lugano, Rodrigo Valdes won Carlos Monzon's vacated middleweight crown outscoring Benny Briscoe over fifteen rounds.

During December in Madrid, Cecilio Lastra of Spain won the WBA featherweight title when he dethroned Rafael Ortega, and Carlos Zarate made a successful defense of his WBC bantamweight crown beating Spaniard Francisco Rodriguez.

Paris, so often in the past the setting for good international bouts came up with only a Benny Briscoe—Jean Matao meeting. It was a tremendous battle for those who half filled the venue with Briscoe winning. The tax increase from 25% to 40% did not encourage promoters to go into business during the year, but just recently the tax was dropped again which permitted a European title fight to be staged at the Sport Palace in Paris, the first promotion there for nearly two years. Better and bigger things can be expected from Paris in 1978.

Ex-amateur world champion Ayub Kalula, from Uganda, topped all the boxing meetings in Denmark during the year. The local based Kalula is a tremendous draw in Denmark and is undefeated in fourteen professional fights. The time has already come for Kalula to challenge WBA champion, Eddie Gazo, or the holder of the WBC crown, Rocky Mattioli. Against either he must have a tremendous chance. The proud "father" of this youngster is the Danish promoter Mogans Palle.

Germany came up with twenty-three promotions, but unfortunately the attendance was only 51000, a thousand less than in 1976 when there were only sixteen meetings. Few of the twenty three meetings were a financial success, but promoters keep on coming up for more punishment. World title fights for Eckhard Dagge and Frank Wissenbach are expected in 1978.

Boxing on the Continent was good to us during 1977 and a great deal of success must go to the dozen or so foreigners who are locally based. They are not eligible to fight for a European crown, but they have strengthened their respective divisions. In France there are: Loucif Hamani, Algiers, junior middle; Jo Kimpuani, Zaire, junior welter, and Carlos Foldes from Venezuala, lightweight. In Spain: Adolfo Osses, Panama, feather; Jose Hernandez Cornejo, El Salvador, bantam, and Marcos Paperito Jiminez, Uruguay, junior welterweight. In Italy: Norberto Cabrera, Argentina, middle; Mario Guilloto, welter; Juan Antonio Merlo, and Oscar Aparicio, junior middleweights, Ceferino Morales, light, all from Argentina, and Helenio Ferreira, a bantamweight from Brazil. German boxing is supported by a number of useful Turks whose hearts and souls are in the game. There is also the whirlwind ex-amateur champion Marion Benes from Yugoslavia, who is ko'ing all in front of him. In Denmark, as mentioned earlier, boxing depends on Ayub Kalula for success rather than local material. Clemente Tshinza, from Zaire, flies the flag for Luxembourg, and Frank Albertus, Curacoa, is campaigning in Holland.

Thirteen boxers were crowned champions of Europe during the year, and from the 31 championship bouts a Euro title changed hands on nine occasions. In four bouts boxers were fighting for a vacant crown. Four countries claim the eleven titles: Italy, Aldo Traversaro, light heavy; Natale Vezzoli, junior light; Franco Zurlo, bantam, and Franco Udella, flyweight. France: Gratien Tonna, middle; Jean Baptiste Piedvache, junior welter, and Alain Marion, welterweight. Spain: Alfredo Evangelista, heavy, and Roberto Castanon, featherweight. Great Britain: Maurice Hope, junior middle and Jim Watt, lightweight.

Of the champions reigning at the close of 1976, only Maurice Hope, Great Britain, Natale Vezzoli, Italy, and Franco Udella, Italy, still wear their crowns. Hope won his title on October 1, 1976; Vezzoli was crowned on September 24, 1976, and Udella has reigned longest having won his title on January 14, 1976. Udella was also European champion back in 1974.

The heavyweight division saw three champions during the year. Briton Joe Bugner vacated the title leaving Jean Pierre Coopman, Belgium, and Jose Urtain, Spain, to fight for the crown, with the Belgian winning. Coopman then lost to Frenchman Lucien Rodriguez, who was then beaten by Alfredo Evangelista, Spain, who went on to make a successful defense against Jean Pierre Coopman.

Light heavyweight Mate Parlov, Yugoslavia, beat off challenges from Francois Fiol, Spain, and Harald Skog, Norway, and then vacated his title to campaign for the WBA crown. Aldo Traversaro, Italy, collected the crown with a win over Briton Bunny Johnson.

Middleweight champion Germano Valsecchi, Italy, lost his title to Briton Alan Minter, who in turn handed it over to Frenchman Gratien Tonna.

Junior middleweight: Maurice Hope of Great Britain made a couple of defenses beating Germany's Frank Wissenbach and France's Joel Bonnetaz.

Welterweight: Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, dethroned Italian Marco Scano and then lost on a disqualification to German Jorg Eipel. Alain Marion of France, then dethroned

Eipel in Criel, near Paris.

Dave Green, Great Britain, vacated his junior welterweight title, and it was taken over by Italian Primo Bandini, who beat Frenchman Jean Baptiste Piedvache on a disqualification. In a return, Piedvache ko'ed Bandini in two rounds.

Spaniard Perico Fernandez gave up his lightweight crown and Jim Watt, Britain, and Andre Holyk, France, met, with Watt winning in the first. The Briton then made a successful defense against Spaniard Jerimo Lucus.

Junior lightweight champion, Natale Vezzoli, Italy, defended his crown against Albert Amatler, Georges Cotin, Ethem Oezakalin, and Salvatore Liscapade.

Bantamweight Franco Zurlo, Italy, beat three challengers: Salvatore Fabrizio, Italy, Jacky Bihin, France, and Paddy Maguire, Britain.

Nino Jimenez of Spain lost his featherweight title to Manolo Masso, Spain, after a successful start with a win over Michel Siracusa. Masso's reign was short, losing to Roberto Castanon, another Spaniard, in the closing stages of December.

Franco Zurlo, Italy, still holds the flyweight title, beating off challenges by Jose Contero, Nessim Zebitini and Emilio Pireddu.

SPAIN

▲**Madrid**—Welterweight. Toni Ortiz outscored Dum Dum Pacheo, eight. Junior lightweight. Hugo Carrizo decisioned Nino Jimenez, eight. Light. Manuel Velasquez outpointed Cayetano Alcala Cruz, eight. Bantamweight. Vicente Rodriguez outpointed Juan Barros, six.

▲**Bilbao**—Pedro Molledo and Manuel Carrasco drew their eight rounder. Welterweight. Jesus Rodriguez de La Rosa outscored Jose Diaz, eight. Junior middleweight. Andomi Amana outscored Tiger Quaye, eight.

▲**La Coruna**—Welterweight. Mimoun Mohatar and Antonio Casado drew their eight rounder. Junior middle. Raul Anon decisioned Aureliano Guemes, eight. Featherweight. Jose Silva beat Jose Luis Alvarez who was disqualified in the sixth.

▲**Malaga**—Jose Luis Heredia outscored Nicolas Culebras, eight.

▲**Madrid**—Junior welter. Manuel Acedo outscored Juan De Dios Morales, eight.

▲**Madrid**—Featherweight. Nino Jimenez outscored Antonio Arcos, Ten. Flyweight. Adelaido Galindo outpointed Antonio Medina, ten. Jose Herreara decisioned Mariano Garcia, ten.

▲**Madrid**—Roberto Castanon became the new European featherweight champion beating fellow Spaniard Manuel Masso, KOII.

BELGIUM

▲**Leuven**—Welterweight. Ben Minoun outscored Tony Baleta, six.

▲**Gits**—Eric Seys outscored Branko Barakovic, eight.

▲**Frameries**—Welterweight. Eric Capissela outscored Luigi Renda, six.

▲**Eminey**—Junior welterweight. Jean Pierre Luzolann outscored Filippo Rocchi, six.

▲**Ostend**—Welterweight. Frankie Decaestecker beat Fernand Banckaert, TK04.

▲**Zele**—Junior welterweight. Jean van Torre beat Jean Claude Lefarge, KO5.

AUSTRIA

▲**Lienz**—Welterweight. Christian Sittler beat Alberto Fernandez, TKO5.

▲**Dornbirn**—Junior middleweight. Joe Pachler beat Musha Kabangu, TKO5. Welterweight. Esperno Postol drew his eight rounder with Pascal Zito. Rudi Vogel decisioned Zoubir Sapouki six rounds. Junior welterweight. Christian Sittler beat Claude Kalanda, Zaire, TKO5.

Vienna

Franz Dorfer, Austria, beat German, Horst Brinkmeier, KOI. Marion Benes, Yugoslavia, beat Wa Bukasso, KO3.

FRANCE

▲**Annecy**—George Warusfel decisioned Jim Montague, ten. Light heavyweight. Hocine Cafer beat Tony Monaghan, KO2.

▲**Amiens**—Junior middleweight. Johnny Collet beat Stephane Arnone, KO3. Welterweight. William Collet beat Serge Ilangue, TKO5.

▲**Chantilly**—Lightweight. Carlos Foldes outscored Alain Le Fol, ten.

Charles Jrett decisioned Rnzne Martin, eight.

▲**Strasbourg**—Middleweight. Jacky Bauer outscored Alain Servais, six.

▲**Saint Pol Surmer**—Junior welterweight. Jo Kimuani beat Justice Ortiz, KO6. Lightweight. Dan M'Putu beat Laurent Degila, KO4. Junior middleweight. Jean Grandjean beat Guy Vercouter, TKO2. Villerbanne Nov. 12th.

Albert Amattler won the vacant French featherweight title beating Gerard Jacobs, TKOII.

▲**Lavel**—Gerard Leterue outscored William Collet, eight.

▲**Crispy en Valouis**—Laurent Greinbert outscored Christian Valentin, eight.

▲**Saint Ouen**—Heavyweight. Lucien Rodriguez beat Ishag Hussien, TKO2.

▲**Tarbes**—Welterweight. Louis Acaries outscored Mickey Ryce, ten. Pascal Zito outpointed John Laine, eight.

▲**Vandoevre**—Welterweight. Jean Marie Cotinant outscored Jean Claude Lafarge, eight.

▲**Villes Cotterets**—Middleweight. Jean Claude Cerlon beat Jacky Bauer, TKO5.

▲**Grenoble**—Light heavyweight. Hocine Cafer beat Yannick Dufour, TKO2.

▲**Le Havre**—Welterweight. Georges Warusfel beat Mickey Ryce, KO8.

▲**Toulon**—Welterweight. Alain Ruocco, beat Becher Bountka, KO7.

▲**Rennes**—Claude Martin retained his French junior middleweight title outscoring Gilbert Cohen, twelve.

▲**Calais**—Featherweight. Jean Yves Jullier outscored Christian Valentin, eight.

▲**Fresnes sur Escaut**—Light heavyweight. Garfield McEwan outscored Michel Dybaitys, eight.

▲**Mont de Marsan**—Junior welterweight. Christian Gracia beat Pierre Koenig, TKO4.

▲**Dhuizon**—Welterweight. Jean Pierre Moreau outscored Biase Casoria, eight.

▲**Paris**—Heavyweight. Lucien Rodriguez outscored Tony Moore, eight. Light heavyweight. Sylvian Watbled beat Christian Poncelet, KO3. Welterweight. Alain Ruocco outscored Jean Pierre Moreau, eight. Richard Rodriguez outscored William Collet, six. Ronald Zenon beat Claude Lancastre, TKO3.

▲**Paris**—Jean Baptiste Piedvache, France, won the European junior welterweight title ko'ing champion, Primo Bandini, Italy, in round two.

▲**Criel**—Jorge Eipel, Germany, lost his European welter title to Frenchman, Alain Marion, KO15.

ITALY

▲**Tairisano**—Natale Vezzoli, Italy, held on to his European junior light title outscoring fellow countryman, Salvatore Liscapade, over fifteen rounds.

▲**Cagliari**—European flyweight champion, Franco Udella, Italy, outscored Elimio Pireddu, fifteen.

LUXEMBOURG

▲**Esch sur Alzette**—Light heavyweight. Babo Kabassu beat Michel Caron, TKO2.

DENMARK

▲**Copenhagen**—3000 saw Ayub Kalula, Uganda, based in Denmark, beat the rated American, Ralph Palladin, on points over ten rounds. It was one of the toughest fights seen in Denmark for years. Palladin was a dangerous hooker although Kalula (24) was on top most of the time.

Palladin came back strongly to take the last round.

Light heavyweight. Mustapha Wasajji, Uganda, outscored American Tom Bethea, eight rounds. Junior welterweight. Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, making a comeback after a lay off nursing a shoulder injury, won a split decision over Italian Giuseppe Russi, six. Ex-European welterweight champion Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, beat Paolo Zanusso, Italy, who was disqualified in the sixth. Blows to the back of Hansen's head decked him, and upon rising the third man sent the Italian packing. In a middleweight contest Per Mullertz, Denmark, outscored Roy Kaba, over six rounds.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
* Alfredo Evangelista (S)
1. Lorenz Zanon (I)
2. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
3. Alfio Righetti (I)
4. Dante Cane (I)
5. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
6. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
7. Kurt Ludecke (G)
8. Bernd August (G)
9. Piere Mario Baruzzi (I)
10. Jose Urtain (S)

Junior Middles
* Maurice Hope (G)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Frank Wissenback (G)
3. Bruno Arcari (I)
4. Jose Duran (S)
5. Joel Bonnetaz (F)
6. Gilbert Cohen (F)
7. Claude Martin (F)
8. Mimoun Mohatar (F)
9. Josef Pachler (A)
10. Vincent Ungaro (I)

Lightweights
* Jim Watt (GB)
1. Perico Fernandez (S)
2. Giancarlo Usai (I)
3. Vincenzo Burgio (I)
4. Antonio Puddu (I)
5. Vincenzo Quero (I)
6. Andre Holyk (F)
7. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
8. Manuel Velasquez (S)
9. Alsonso San Miguel (S)
10. Leon Majias (S)

Light heavies
* Aldo Traversaro (I)
1. Mate Parlov (Yugo)
2. Francois Fiol (S)
3. Freddy DeKerpel (B)
4. Robert Amory (F)
5. Emilio Cometti (I)
6. Onelio Grando (I)
7. Gerald Bois (F)
8. Avenamar Peralta (S)
9. Michel Dybaitys (F)
10. Harald Skog (N)

Welterweights
* Alain Marion (F)
1. Jorg Eipel (G)
2. Alois Carmeliet (B)
3. Horacio Ruiz (S)
4. Jorgen Hansen (D)
5. Francois Leon (S)
6. Tony Ortiz (S)
7. Marco Scano (I)
8. Giovanni Moleslini (I)
9. Louis Acaries (F)
10. Luciano Borracia (I)

Junior lights
* Natale Vezzoli (I)
1. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
2. Georges Cotin (F)
3. Roland Cazeaux (F)
4. Carlos Hernandez (S)
5. Isidoro Cabreza (S)
6. Miguel Molleda (S)
7. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
8. Albert Amatler (F)
9. Manuel Llata (S)
10. Romon Garcia Marichal (S)

Middleweights
* Gritien Tonna (F)
1. Vito Antuofermo (I)
2. Rudi Koopmans (H)
3. Fermano Valsecchi (I)
4. Angelo Jacopucci (I)
5. Frank Reiche (G)
6. Mario Romersi (I)
7. Robert Benaquista (I)
8. Julles Bellaiche (F)
9. Ellio Bettinzoli (I)
10. Jean Mateo (F)

Junior Middles
* Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
1. Primo Bandini (I)
2. Fernandoz Sanchez (S)
3. Giovanni Martinese (I)
4. Errki Meronen (Fin)
5. Jean Saadli (F)
6. Alain Salmon (F)
7. Bruno Freshi (I)
8. Efisio Pinna (I)
9. Hans Henrik Palm (D)
10. Claude Lormeau (F)

Featherweights
* Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. Manolo Masso (S)
3. Nino Jimenez (S)
4. Elio Cotena (I)
5. Michele Siracusa (F)
6. Sergio Emili (I)
7. Pasqualino Morbidelli (I)
8. Natale Caredda (I)
9. Salvatore Melluzzo (I)
10. Michel Lefebvre (F)

Bantamweights
* Franco Zurlo (I)
1. Salvatore Fabrizzio (I)
2. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
3. Guy Caudron (F)
4. Esteben Eguia (S)
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7. Franco Buglione (I)
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9. Pedro Molledo (S)
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Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Emilio Pireddu (I)
2. Mariano Garcia (S)
3. Giovanni Camputaro (I)
4. Claude Tanda (I)
5. Jose Cantero (S)
6. Manuel Carrasco Hernandez (S)
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NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

By RAY MITCHELL

Marrickville R.S.L. Club Al Korovou defended his Australian middleweight title against Wally Carr. Korovou won on points in what perhaps was the most thrilling fight of the year in this country. Fans showered the ring with coins.

There were no knockdowns in this scheduled 12-rounder but the champion was near to defeat in the fifth round, only his true professionalism keeping him going as Carr, the Australian junior-middleweight champion, poured on the pressure.

Korovou won because he was doing something all the time. Carr allowed himself to take straight lefts while he set himself for left hooks. Wally evidentally forgot that those straight lefts of Korovou's were point-scorers, and when the final tally came they gained the win for Korovou. But is was close, referee Trevor Christian carding 113,110 for the defending champion. Each boxer scaled 157½.

A terrific light-heavyweight fight preceded the main. Alex Vella, 175, outpointed Garry Hubble, 171, over eight rounds. This one received a very large shower of coins. In fact, all five bouts on the bill were showered, a tribute to matchmaker Roy Carroll.

Four former boxers, two of them ex-champions of Australia, died within a couple of weeks over 1977-78. First was Chicka Hobbs, a week before Christmas. Chicka, whose real name was Charles Loggie, was a capable boxer around the late 19-30s. Billy Darcy died on December 30, aged 68. Darcy was a good junior-lightweight in the early and mid-thirties. The two former champions were Russell Sands, aged 40, and Jack Johnson, aged 60. Russell, the youngest of the six Fighting Sands, was a featherweight champion of Australia when only 17. He was a clever boxer. Best of the brothers, of course, was Dave who was killed in a truck accident in 1952 when he was Australian middleweight, light-heavyweight and heavyweight champion, middle-weight champion of the Empire and light-heavyweight champion of Australasia. Dave, at the time of his death, had a world middleweight title fight under negotiation.

With the death of Russell, only three of the Sands brothers are left: Clem, George and Alfie.

Jack Johson was heavyweight and lightheavyweight champion of Australia in the 1940s. He was world rated by "The Ring" in the light-heavyweight division. He lost his light-heavy title to Dave Sands.

With 1977 closed, it is timely to release a few figures. Boxing was down on previous years, with only 101 promotions in Australia during the year, and only 340 boxers active. Of these 152 made their pro debut in 1977.

Busiest boxer was junior-welter Paul Baker, with 23 fights during the year.

Tony Mundine holds the Australian heavyweight and light heavyweight titles and the Commonwealth light heavyweight crown. He won the heavy title on June 2, 1977, when he knocked out the then champion Maile Haumona in a non-title fight. He did not defend either national title but did defend his Commonwealth crown.

Middleweight champion is Al Korovou who won the vacant title on September 14, 1977, by outpointing Jimmy Gillon. Korovou defended against Wally Carr on December 14.

Junior middleweight champion is Wally Carr who took the title from John Layton by points decision on Oct. 12. Layton had won the vacant title on March 8 by halting Torkano Marcos in nineth and had made one successful defence by halting Ron Sheldon in 10th round on June 22.

Welter champion is Hector Thompson who still can make 140. Hec won the vacant crown on May 20 when he knocked out Ross Eadie in round 12. He defended against Eadie, winnning by KO in round seven on August 25. Thompson should hold the title for some time to come.

Lawrence "Baby Cassius" Austin won the Australian and Commonwealth junior-welter title from Hector Thompson on April 28. Thompson was stopped through an injured knee in round 15. On June 16 the pair met again, and Thompson regained his titles by points decision in a hard and close fight. On September 15, in a big upset, Austin regained the titles by points decision, a verdict that was highly disputed by many. As I did not see the fight I cannot and would not make any comment about the decision. Thompson is seeking a fourth bout with Austin.

Billy Mulgolland won the vacant Australian lightweight title by outpointing Joe Gibilisco on October 7. As with all of Mulholland's fights, it was a thrilling bout. Mulholland has two or three challengers on his doorstep.

Junior lightweight champion Billy Moeller did not defend his national title but he lost his Commonwealth title by points decision to John Aba in Papua New Guinea on December 1. Verdict was split. As referee I carded for Moeller in a close fight.

Merv Wockner retired as featherweight champion in Agust, and on December 5 Paul Ferreri won the vacant title by halting Roger Henry in round 8. Wockner had defended by halting Henry in same round on June 17.

Ferreri also holds the Australian bantamweight title. He made one defence of this in 1977, stopping Brian Roberts in round 15 on June 8. Ferreri lost his Commonwealth bantam bauble to Sully Shittu in Ghana by disputed decision on January 29.

Steve Bell won the Australian flyweight title by split decision from Charlie Brown on April 26 in a very exciting fight. He has not defended it.

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DON SAUER

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his sellout show in Sacramento, Calif., (MUNIZ and PETE RANZANY), promoter BABE GRIFFIN changed his mind about putting the fight on closed circuit television. . .''too many hidden costs''. . .the fight drew $57,673—! Whatever happened to MIKE DOKES of Cleveland — the National Golden Gloves champ of '76? DON KING and associate RICHIE GIACHETTI promised to make this guy a champion. Is DOKES lost in the shuffle between JIMMY YOUNG and LARRY HOLMES? Maybe his time will come later, but I hope they don't wait too long. . .Is JESUS PIMENTAL, the former bantamweight contender who has a California promotional license, the front man for JOE GAGLIARDI'S GARDEN CITY BOXING CLUB in San Jose? KEN NORTON has conducted his campaign for a ''return shot'' with MUHAMMAD ALI with class. . . .MIKE QUARRY on the comeback trail again after his shellacking at the hands of MIKE ROSSMAN last May. I'm surprised he decided to return to the ''ring dust and resin''. . . .MIKE COLBERT retired from the ring after his broken jaw af the hands of MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER at the Boston Garden last November. . . .PAUL PIRRONE, rock-em, stock-'em welter-middleweight from Cleveland glory days is confined to Castle Nursing Home in Millersburg, Ohio 44654 — hardening of the arteries and other things medically that hit you when you get up in years. His brother JOEY PIRRONE was killed a few years back in an industrial accident. . . . While in and around Cleveland, I saw JIMMY BIVINS, who is still looking great in his mid-fifties working every day as a driver-salesman for a potato chip company. Others still residing in the Cleveland metro area include: RAY SHARKEY, TROY BELLINI, VITO MAZZEO, LEE SHEPPARD, JESSIE LEVELS, CHUCK WATKINS, EDDIE MAROTTA, TOMMY SALEM, JACKIE KEOUGH, CECIL SHORTS. CARMEN BATH lives west of Cleveland in Avon, Ohio, and last but by no means least, the great champ, GEORGE PACE, who looks right now as if he can go with the best of them. God Bless you all. . . .RUDY ORTEGA, who refereed the W.B.C. bantamweight title fight in Madrid between champion CARLOS ZARATE and challenger RODRIGUEZ, had an audience with King DON JUAN CARLOS and called it ''One of the highlights of my life''. . . .In Philadelphia, the TYRONE EVERETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND netted $2225 according to FRANK GELB, the murdered Jr. lightweight's manager. . . .Former world lightweight champ SAMMY ANGOTT was recently inducted into his ninth boxing Hall of Fame in Chicago, more than any boxer in the history of the sport. Now living in Canton, Ohio, he spends a lot of his free time visiting nursing homes in that area. Even though SAMMY hasn't donned the gloves competitively for 27 years, he still hasn't given up fighting. His current opponent, however, is much tougher than any he faced in the ring. SAMMY once a superb athlete, now has trouble getting around because of arthritis. He has been in and out of hospitals, and despite recommendations by various doctors that he have an operation. SAMMY adamantly refuses. ANGOTT first won the lightweight title on May 3, 1940, when he defeated DAVEY DAY in Louisville, Ky. He won it again on December 19, 1941, when he won a 15 round duke over LEW JENKINS. He retained his title on May 15, 1942, when he beat ALLIE STOLZ in 15 rounds in New York, and then on October 27, 1943, ANGOTT regained the title for the third time in a 15-round decision over LUTHER ''SLUGGER'' WHITE. He quit in 1950. . . .DR. FERDIE PACHECO is another guy cashing in on his association with champ, MUHAMMAD ALI. FERDIE'S hard-cover offering, *Fight Doctor* is now on the newstands around the land, well worth reading. . . .Former W.B.A. heavyweight king ERNIE TERRELL is promoting shows in Chicago. He has a ''white hope'' showing on his cards who is the draw and answers to the monicker of GEORGE MOSTARDINI — might make a ''buck'' with this guy at that. . . . Sorry to report that JOE MUSCATO, 58, died in Buffalo, N.Y. JOE was not only a real fine heavyweight in boxing's Golden Age, but also a war hero and great person. For the past 25 years JOE MUSCATO donated all his evenings to working with underprivileged kids at gyms and settlement houses in the Buffalo area. He will sorely be missed by his many friends and former ringmen. . . .CLINT DAVIDSON, son of the late great trainer ''SKINNY'' DAVIDSON in Philly, is promoting amateur boxing shows at the Elks Hall in that city. . . .JACKIE MARTIN, my competent Philly informant keeps the news coming from the City of Brotherly Love. JACKIE, too, is an active guy in boxing circles around that ballwick. MARTIN is presently assisting MARIO SAUROMANN with his duties as ''director of boxing'' for the recreation department in Philadelphia.

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VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

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where the Governor can see him from his windows. . . .

Harper and Row have published JACK DEMPSEY's autobiography, **DEMPSEY**, $12.95 at Ring Bookshop. It was authored by the champ's daughter, BARBARA PIATELLI DEMPSEY, and she has been busy with publicity stints on all the television and radio talk shows. Hollywood producers have made moves to make the book into a movie. Who would be the actor to portray the champ???

Former heavyweight ERNIE TERRELL dropped into the Ring magazine offices recently, he looked in good shape and we had a most enjoyable chat. The reason for his visit to New York was to make a personal appearance at the Copa Club in Brooklyn, with his band and singers. His group is titled, "The Six Heavyweights," ERNIE sings and plays a guitar and has appeared in all principle cities coast to coast. It was the same time as TERRELL's visit that former world heavyweight champion JOE FRAZIER had a most successful engagement at the world famous Rainbow Grill, on the 65th floor of the R.C.A. building, in Manhattan.

TOMMY MILLIGAN, feared and respected British former middleweight champion, died in Glasgow. He was 66. Like JACK DEMPSEY, he was the son of a miner. Scottish welter champ in 1924. Two months after gaining the crown he beat the legendary TED "KID" LEWIS to annex the British, European and British Empire titles. A year later, he gained weight, went up to middleweight, beat BRUNO FRATTINI and captured the European middles crown. In 1926, captured the British and Empire titles stopping GEORGE WEST. In 1927 fought MICKEY WALKER for the world title at London's vast Olympia and was knocked out in the 10th round. In 1928 he fought the great SLAPSIE MAXIE ROSENBLOOM in a non-title bout and kayoed the champion, the king of the lightheavies. British Boxing News, recorded this tribute from MICKEY WALKER, who said after his fight with MILLIGAN, "He is the gamest man I ever fought, it's good to know such men exist." Over the years, MILLIGAN corresponded with your reporter. He was a great credit to British boxing.

My very good friend, JACKIE KID BERG, former junior welterweight champion of the world, is to write his life story. JACK had a most amazing career, fought almost 200 pro bouts and is as well known in the United States as he is known in his native England. JACK is proud of his world title and his most prized possession is the gold and diamond belt that was presented by Ring magazine. BRUCE FLOWERS, the famed "Pride of New Rochelle," who battled BERG three times, although no slouch, as he was highly regarded, lost three times to the "Whirlwind from Whitechapel," as he was nicknamed. Incidently, BRUCE FLOWERS, who raised 10 children (7 boys and 3 girls) with 20 grandchildren was a much honoered veteran boxer. He was a member and officer of VBA, Ring 30, of Westchester County. His death in 1971, brought out hundreds to his funeral, including International VAP president SCOOP GALLELLO.

TONY MESSINA, now 63, is dedicated and charitable officer of VBA, Ring 26, of Schenectady, N.Y. TONY punched his way through 224 bouts. It was in 1928 that he was crowned National AAU bantamweight champion, and WILLIE O'CONNOR can testify to the punching prowness of TONY, for WILLIE lost his New England States lightweight title to TONY in 1932. TONY trained with the immortal TONY CANZONERI, he appeared on the same cards with PRIMO CARNERA, BILLY PETROLLE, BAT BATALINO and CANZONERI — all great champions. As secretary of Ring 26, TONY is proud that among the membership are two former world titleholders, namely LOU AMBERS and SAMMY ANGOTT, although SAMMY is more known as being out of Akron, Ohio. It was ANGOTT who came out of retirement to beat the fabulous WILLIE PEP, who was enjoying a fantastic 68-bout winning streak. Included among the membership are title contenders VIC GRUPICO of San Francisco, PETER GULOTTA, CARMINE FATTA, ED SOUSA, of Las Vegas, JOE BASKI, BOB PASTOR, anf former world Jr. welter champ, HAROLD GOMES. The president of Ring 26, PEP CASSILLO, on presenting TONY MESSINA with a trophy at his recent testimonial dinner, said it best, "I believe the good Lord can duplicate men like TONY MESSINA, but, he can't make 'em any better." TONY, I am happy to record, recently recovered from a severe heart attack, but he won't give up the secondary position.

Guy's Hospital Boxing Club, London, England, celebrated its 118th year last January 1st. Oldest boxing club in the world.

Leather Pushers Bymnasium, 62 Delancey Street, New York City, operated by former light-heavy DON ALCARO.

Corp. IZZY SCHWARTZ, born October 23, 1902, in New York, Jewish-American, managed by PHIL BERNSTEIN, world flyweight champion, 1928. Had 117 bouts. He celebrated 51-years of marriage to SARAH, plus 37-years as financial secretary to the Moving Picture Projectionists Union. Is a past president of VBA, Ring 8, of New York, Past Deputy of Odd Fellows, Brother Mason of Dirigo, Member of Pelham Parkway Democratic Club and is a life-time resident of the Bronx.

LEO BIRNBAUM fought from 1905-16. He changed his name to BOBBY DAWSON when he entered the paid ranks. He fought the great GENE TUNNEY — both received $15. for a ten-round bout at Sharkey A.C. He supervised training chores for JACK BRITTON for his championship bouts with the famous Englishman TED KID LEWIS. LEO is a recognized judge and member of the New York State Athletic Commission.

The late WHITEY BIMSTIEN, international trainer of fighters, and very few name boxers bypassed WHITEY. HANK KAPLAN, noted Florida boxing journalist and friend, enlightened this writer with an unknown anecdote about the way BIMSTIEN broke into boxing. WHITEY began his career in boxing as JOHNNY WHITE, a featherweight prior to World War I. He quit the ring, never gaining fame. He worked for a garment company in New York. Routine deliveries took him past BEN SEAMAN's cigar stand where he would talk boxing with BEN. He often talked about opening a gym and one day SEAMON's dream was realized when TOM McARDLE gave him the management of the Commonwelath Gym. It was a well organized gym with 20 fighters under contract. The candy-store kid, WHITEY BIMSTIEN dropped in and asked SEAMON for a job. BEN, who is the brother of well known MANNIE, trainer of champion BENNY LEONARD, and later JOE LOUIS, gave him a job on the spot. He became an assistant trainer for his large stable of fighters. SEAMON moved from one spot to another, looking for more suitable quarters, eventually bringing him to Queensboro Gym, where WHITEY, now piling up experience, became well known on the scene and in 1924, trained the great bantam FRANKIE JEROME. At this time, he hooked up with the ace trainer RAY ARCEL, embarking on a career which with ARCEL's help hurdled many tough periods in the early twenties until the advent of television. BEN SEAMON, now long-time resident of Miami Beach and member of VBA, Ring 31, of that city, gave a kid a chance to channel his aptitude and interests in the right direction.

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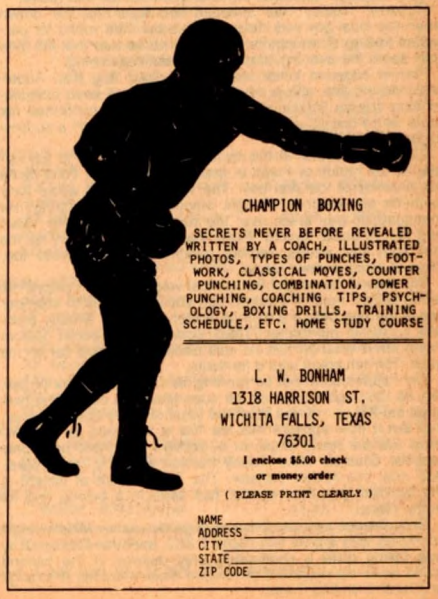

RICHARDSON OUTCLASSED BY NDUKWU

By TRIGO HARRISON

LAGOS, NIGERIA: A superbly conditioned Eddie Ndukwu, giving little hint of his age, made short work of British challenger Allan Richardson enroute to retaining his commonwealth featherweight diadem. A hopelessly outclassed Richardson trailing far behind on points and in no shape to save the fight wisely called it quits at the end of the eighth of a scheduled 15 rounder. It goes into the record books as a ninth round T.K.O.

The Briton came here as the number one contender for Eddie's title, but judging from the way and manner the champion handled—or shall I say manhanldled—Allan it's certain that Eddie Ndukwu will continue to rule the division 'till be comes infirm with old age. Allan was barely able to lay a glove on the champion tonight. His face was a sorry sight; a lump the size of an egg above his left eye rendered him partially blind. The bulging lump was pretty ripe for cracking at the time of the stoppate.

It was Eddie's fight all the way. The challenger did nothing but backpedal throughout the early rounds. In the 2nd Eddie missed a left swing, but later caught up with his fleeing foe and crashed home a brutal right to the temple. The challenger was staggered at the bell. In round four Allan was down on one knee. He wasn't hurt but elected to take a count in that position.

The CHallenger attacked for the first time in the fifth, but ot his surprise and dismay Eddie displayed a wide variety of defensive tactics, including a very tight guard with which all punches were blocked.

To the loser's credit he evaded most of the champ's best punches. He ran a great deal, but was often caught and hammered all over the ring.

Allan was a surprisingly different boxer from the man who fought Eddie here earlier in 1977 for the then vacant crown. Unlike their previous meeting, the loser was too scared to attack. He was only content to counterpunch, but whenever the champ brought in his right Allan wilted fast. In his dressing room a miserable-looking Allan said, "I planned to keep my cool until Eddie got tired before launching my own attack." If, indeed, that was his plan he was a beaten fighter from the first bell. In fact he did not win a single round against a man who became stronger and stronger as the fight progressed. He even lost his best round, the eighth.

The champion was rather modest after the contest. "Allan is good, but I had no doubts I would beat him." Then with an air of supreme confidence he added, "I think I'm now ready for Arguello, Lopez, and Ortega."

The chief supporting bout was a farce. Scotland's Herbie Mclean made a poor showing of his debut West African appearance, losing via disqualification to Nigeria's Obisia Nwapa in seven rounds. The Scottish light welterweight did not really come to fight. Each time Obisia attacked the stocky Mclean would use spoiling tactics by holding and burying his head inside his opponent. In fact he was no match for the Nigerian superstar. The loser never permitted enough range for Obisia, who was forced to uppercut his way out of his opponent's bearhugs.

Eddi Murphy outpointed Ade Young over ten rounds in another light welter bout.

▲ LAGOS, NIGERIA: A West African Flyweight title fight was top of the bill in a triple championship card presented by PEGSONS PROMOTIONS. A packed house trooped out of the Sports Hall of the National Stadium in utter disappointment over the bout by both Ghana's Invenness Nuetey and his Nigerian opponent Sam Eke in their main event clash.

The fight should never have been held; both fighters proved they are not yet ready for a contest of this magnitude. Indeed, the two men put up a performance that hardly rose above sub-novice standard. So dull and uneventful was the bout that several ringside spectators fell asleep before the fifth round.

However Nuetey was awarded the fight and the crown when the local boy was disqualified in the 10th round for persistent fouling. The only thing to write home was that the little men spent the evening clinching and rabbit-punching.

Former Nigerian junior welter boss Tony 'Big Boy' Andeh regained his title with a devastating two round kayo over defending champ Razak Kid Fujah. Tony finally confirmed his class as he carried out a thorough demolition job on a surprisingly inept kid.

Obviously mindful of the circumstances that led to his defet at the hands of Fujah in their previous clash Tony came out snarling at the first bell. The round was just about forty seconds old when a left-right staggered the ex-champ. He managed to stay erect near the ropes where another salvo had him in queer streets. From there it was down-hill for the kid. Tony just poured red-hot punches at his helpless foe, none of which missed target.

the second round and the contest was over even before the round began. Fujah's seconds had scant moments to scamper out of the ring before a flaming Andeh met their already drunken fighter in his corner. Then, boom, boom, boom. Before Fujah knew what hit him he was already stretched flat on his back. The ten count was a formality.

Kid Fujah appears to be running into serious trouble of late. Not so long ago I used all the superlatives in describing how good the Kid is. He had been the toast of every boxing gathering. But it now appears that the Kid is too good for his own good. He is a ready target for all fighters, good and bad. Only recently Ghana's Mike Abbey handed Fujah a rare defeat. And now this Andeh disaster. The Tony Andeh of tonight is the baddest guy this reporter has seen in a boxing ring for many years.

Gray Ibekwe became the new Nigerian Junior Middleweight champion with a fluke two-round T.K.O. over Joe Garba. Gray was taking quite a shellacking until midway in the second round when his opponent developed boxer's cramp. A strange and bizarre ending it was.

Former amateur junior welter superstar Obisia Nwapa made his third pro outing and took less than two rounds to dispose of human punching bag Peter Jackson. At the end of the first round the sympathetic crowd gave the loser a big ovation, not because he had won the round but because he was still standing at the bell. But in the second Obisia let loose with a brutal fusilade that had Jackson first taking the mandatory count, and then out on his feet.

Featherweight Joe Skipper decisioned trial-horse Isaac Ewefa in six.

NOEL, GRAY WIN

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

Promoter Kenneth "Jap" King Fook packed the Sparrow Hideaway Petit Valley., in Port-of-Spain, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. As boxing fans turn out to see two foreign fighters fighting for commonwealth welterweight title. Clyde Gray 147 pounds Commonwealth welterweight champion from Canada, beat Vernon Lewis 146 pounds. Welterweight champion of the Republic of Guyana in fifteen rounds. Gray started off with three fast jabs and a right to Lewis head, Gray kept on piling up points with clean hits and good timing Gray round.

Second round started with Gray on the attack he outboxed Lewis and made him miss throughout the round until Gray received a cut over his left eye from what was said to be a butt. Gray-round. Round three-Gray beat Lewis by three and four punches to Lewis' one. It was Gray all the way. In the fourth and fifth round Gray out boxed and outfought the challenger to win easily. Round six, Lewis staggers Gray with a right to the head,. As a true champion with world class, Gray keeps on moving in and out with jabs to Lewis face putting him off balance. Lewis round.

Round seven. Gray who got the worst of it in round six, outboxed and outclassed the Guyanese, making him looked a hopeless challenger Gray round.

Round eight—Lewis receives jabs repeatedly to face and head with cross-rights to follow—Gray round.

Round nine. Lewis had been warned by the referee for butting, but Gray went on to punch his way through to win by a comfortable margin.

Round ten. Gray had to keep on boxing and fighting not only to win the round, but to convince referee George Cumberbatch to recognize how many wrong things Lewis was doing and continue to do through out the fifteen rounds.

Eleven round. Gray was warned for holding and using his head, however Gray got cut under the left eye though Lewis head with blood streaming from the cut. Gray was still able to box his way out off trouble. Round drew.

Round twelve. Gray received a Lewis special over the right eye with blood spouting from cut number three. Lewis landed heavy punches to Gray's body. Lewis continue his relentless attack, but Gray weathered the storm—Lewis round.

Roung thirteen. Lewis opened with the attack but missed with many of his punches and not having a chance for his much talked about bomb to explore, because the classy Canadian made it impossible for Lewis to tag him went on to beat Lewis to the punche—drawn round.

Round fourteen. Gray was jabbing and hooking Lewis to head and face. Midway of this round Lewis was warned for butting and using his elbow by the referee and the fans—Gray's round.

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Round fifteen it was Gray all the way.

The score card: Judge Ken Laughlin-71-66, Gray; Judge Melchoir Taylor-70-61, Gray, and referee George Cumberbatch. 71-69, Gray, who retains his title by a unanimous decision.

Semi-final Michael Parsons, 146 lbs., No. 2 welter weight of Trinidad and Tobago won by T.K.N. in 6th from urban Baptiste ex-welter weight Champion, 147 lbs., who fails to answer the bell for 6th; Gaston Saunders, 163 lbs. of Trinidad and Tobago, beat Hammering Hunte, 162 lbs. of Antigua, by a unanimous points decision; Selwyn Figaro, 148 lbs. who missed with most of his punches, won by a split decision over Lester Miller, 149 lbs., who ran away from his opponent in the 7th and 8th round.

▲ International Boxing Programme staged at Sparrow's Hideaway at Petit Valley in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago by Promoter Max Senhouse, had about three thousand people to see Claude Noel—Lightweight Champion of Trinidad and Tobago (132½) stopped Hector Medina. *ROUND (1)* First Round started with both fighters feeling each other out,—Medina was the first to strike by pushing two jabs to Noel's face and Noel kept coming. Medina Round.

Noel started off round (2) with jabs followed with a sharp right to Medina's jaw and he went down for mandatory eight count. Medina got cut over his left eye, Noel's Round.

The third and fourth round went even.

Round (5), Noel started to lead with a right to Medina's head and went on with the attack throughout the round. Noel round.

The Sixth started with Noel on the attack, but missed with most of his right punches, Medina getting under Noel's punches and scoring with jabs and hooks. Noel was bleeding from a cut he received over the left eye, and was warned for holding and hitting. Medina's round all the way.

Round (7), Medina jabs and hooks—Noel jolting his head, Noel using robust tactics at one time, he even tripped Medina and was warned by Referee Melchoir Taylor. Medina's Round.

The eight round going good, both men going at each other with Noel roughing it up, bringing up some nice left and right to body and head. Noel's Round.

The ninth round started off with Noel making two left jabs taking a right in return pretending he was hurt waiting for Medina to make a mistake, but Medina moved in with left—right combination which dropped Noel for the mandatory count of eight, Noel got up and went after Medina who had to use all the ring craft he knew to keep Noel out of range to the end of round nine. Medina's Round.

Tenth and final round which meant so much to either fighter, however I recognize from the start Medina is by far a better, smarter also much more experienced boxer than Noel, whereas not physically strong on the other hand Noel is strong but unable to move as expected due to his being flat footed and his legs are thin, but can have the best lightweight in the world respect and or fear him and believe me whenever he connect with either hand at the right time and place, they stay hit and this is what happens to Medina in the tenth and final round when he was counted out.

After receiving a left to head and right to jaw. In (2) minutes and (49) seconds * and had to be rushed to the General Hospital where he remained for the whole of the following day under observation for concussion.

Juan Pastor Bebere, who weighed in all his clothes including shoes and everything in his pockets as to weigh in at 139½-lbs. Santo Domingo put up a skilful display against Eddie Marcelle—146 No. 1 Welter Weight of Trinidad and Tobago who put Bebere the Third ranking Junior Welter Weight of Dominican Republic down for the mandatory count of eight in the tenth and final round. Marcelle won by a unanimous decision.

Clyde Wilson—128 lbs. of Trinidad and Tobago won by T.K.O. from Norman Yearwood—121½, of Barbados in 2 mins. 33 seconds of the third round; Cleophus James—128 lbs. of Trinidad and Tobago won by K.O. from Rudy Valentine—132 of Barbados in 1 min. 59 seconds, of the first round.

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CHUCK WEPNER faced Japanese pro wrestler Antonio Inoki, the same wrestler Muhammad Ali tangled with, in a Tokyo boxing-wrestling match. Both men entered the ring wearing boxing gloves, and the match went for six rounds before the Bayonne, N.J., heavyweight was counted out.

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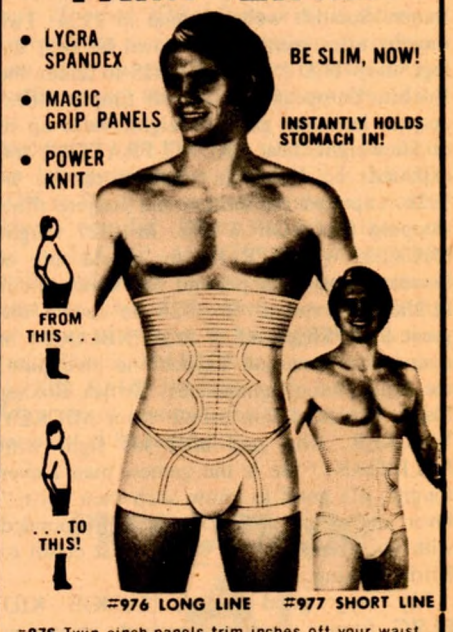

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BOXING IN MEXICO

By EDUARDO AMER

▲**MATAMOROS, TAMAULIPAS**—Lupe Pinter, 120, knocked out Joaquin Martinez, 118, in two rounds. Othen Guzman, 145, embalmed Homero Arguelles, 146, in two. Jorge Ramirez, 116, halted Lupe Ramirez, 116, also in two.

▲**REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS**—Roberto "Kid" Rubaldino, 119, Stopped Jose Luis Lopez, 118, in four.

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS**—New Gordillo, 128, decisioned Carlos Mimila, 128, in ten. Ricardo Varela, 112, outpointed Juan "Monito" Diaz, 111, in ten. Daniel Guillen, 111, lost to Victor "Vaquero" Diaz, 111, in ten. Humberto Morales, 120, whipped Jose "Costeno" Mendoza, 120, in ten. Julio Bautista, 113, TKO'd Jose Martinez, 112, in one.

▲**CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA**—Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 113, technically stopped Carlos Yescas, 112, of Chile, in two. Jose Angel Cazares, 120, kayoed Romeo Anaya, 121, in three. Ruben "Cobra" Moreno, 115, nailed Fino Rodriguez, 116, in four.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO**—Francisco Javier Nunex, 118, TKO'd Tereso Olivares, in the tenth and last round.

▲**MOTUL, YUCATAN**—Juan Panchi, 134, TKO'd Juan Hernandex, 135, in nine. Jose "Torito" Herrera, 135, decisioned Laureano Pool, 136, in eight. Panchito Ake, 120, beat Zorrita de Motul, 119, in six.

▲**REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS**

▲**REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS**—Pedro "Maravilla" Rodriguez, 133, outscored Enrique "Kid Dinamita" Guerra, 134, in ten.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO**—Agustin Vega, 120, TKO'd Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 121, in six. Ciro Cayetano, 117, TKO'd Mario Simon, 117, in five. Bonifacio Noyola, 117, TKO'd Eleazar Zarate, 117, in four. David "Diablillo" Cruz, 114, gained Alejandro Morales, 113, in six. Roberto Hernandez, 118, lost to Javier Jimenez, 117, in four.

▲**MEXICO, D. F.**—Samuel Machorro, 113, TKO'd Jose Sosa, 113, in seven. Francisco Gonzalez, 109, won by a disqualification over Victor Hugo Aguirre, 110, in two. Dario Quintas, 146, TKO'd Jesus Salvador, 146, in six. Agustin "Kimba" Palacios, 111, and Armando "Palito" Perez, 111, drew in six. Juan "Coloradito" Robles, 134, won from Pedro Molina, 135, in four.

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Ismael Ruiz, 207, polished off Polo Najera, 200, in two . Fully Obel, 160, of Venezuela, demolished Rogelio "Bufalo" Vera, 162, in two. Elias Equihua, 187, TKO'd Julio Cid, 185, in five. Zenon Cosme, 119, and Jorge Ramirez, 117, drew in six. Candido Tellez, 103, decisioned Tomas Cuellar, 105, in four.

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS**—Paul Tirado, 119, bested Jose "Mixe" Bautista, 117, in ten.

▲**CIUDAD MANTE, TAMAULIPAS**—Juan Elizondo, 134, defeated Sigfrido Rodriguez, 135, in ten. Jose Luis Escalante, 146, embalmed Humberto Castillo, 147, in four. Jose Luis Cisneros, 131, kayoed Artemio Ramirez, 130, in three.

▲**CHIHUAHUA**—Edel Borunda, 127, technically stopped Gregorio "Goyo" Iracheta, 132, in five. Miguel Estrada, 135, destroyed Jesus "Chucho" Apariciom 134, in four. Roberto Leyva, 137, knocked out Ricky Alvarez, 136, in two.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO**—Elpidio Valdez, 119, polished off Alfonso Ibarra, 119, in four. Herminio "Loba" Ramirez, 167, TKO'd Juan Cardona, 166, in nine.

▲**acapulca, guerrero**—Rafael Perez, 125, won by a disqualification over Crescencio Santana, 125, in five. Hermelindo Estrada, 134, TKO'd Andres Cisneros, 135, in eight. Balam Torres, 123, bombed Jose Luis Galvan, 124, in four.

▲**CIUDAD DIAZ ORDAZ, TAMAULIPAS**—Jose Luis Cruz, 113, demolished Joaquin Reyna, 112, in three.

▲**WOTUL, YUCATAN**—Manuel Hong, 120, decisioned Ricardo Peralta, 119, in eight. Wilbert Vera, 122, and Jose Escalante, 120, drew in four.

▲**MAZATLAN, SINALOA**—Celso Olivas, 146, nailed Felix Machado, 147, in two. Lorenzo Benitez, 154, kayoed Armando "Aleman" Alatorre, 153, in four.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO**—Teo Gonzalez, 125, iced Bibiano Gonzalez, 124, in the very first round. Alejandro Garcia, 125, flattened Fernando Aviles, 125, in three. Jose Luis Serrano, 111, put Nicho Nino, 111, to sleep in the beginning round.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO**—Francisco Angelito, 135, TKO'd Raul "Zurdo" Molina, 135, in five to become new lightweight champion of Guerrero State, "Yuyo" Suastegui, 124, halted Agustin Vega, 124, in three. Miguel "Tiburon" Bracamontes, 117, TKO'd Chucho Valdez, 118, in seven.

▲**LOS MOCHIS, SINALOA**—Jose Luis Soto, 120, outpointed Babe San Martin, 119, in ten.

▲**GOMEZ PALACIO, DURANGO**—Sigfrido Rodriguez, 135, gained Lupe Galindo, 134, in ten. Joaquin "Petrolero" Macias, 158, iced Vicente Pinon, 160, in one. Andres "Pantera" Ramirez, 146, halted Juanito Ramirez, 145, in three. Rafael Martinez, 124, decisioned Jose "Chango" Cruz, 125, in ten. Martin Lozada, 111, TKO'd Jose Venegas, 111, in five.

▲**NUEVA ROSITA, COAHUILA**— Arturo Sanchez, 134, kayoed Miguel Angel Saucedo, 134, in three.

▲**MEXCIO CITY**—Justo Garcia, 120, TKO'd Sergio Cabrera, 122, in five. Jose Cagrera, 125, outscored Pablo Ramirez, 125, in ten. Cenobio Nicolas, 124, beat Constantino "Torito" Melendez, 124, in three. Rodolfo Morales, 117, won over Demetrio Vega, 117, in six. Juan Soto, 121, TKO'd Jorge Castillo, 122, in four.

▲**MOTUL, YUCATAN**—Francisco Figueroa, 117, TKO'd Artemio Alonso, 117, in four. Wilbert Vera, 111, defeated Arturo Ordonez, 112, in four.

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Samuel Machorro, 113, whipped Antonio Avelar, 112, in ten. Memo Ayala, 119, TKO'd Javier Solis, 119, in severn. Jose Luis Tapia, 134, TKO'd Chucho Ramirez, 135, in two. Miguel "Alacran" Chavez, 124, lost to Alejandro Lopez, 126, in six.

▲**CIUDAD DIAZ ORDAZ, TAMAULIPAS**—Omar Chavez, 148, halted "Borrado" Alfaro, 149, in four. David Madrid, 123, KO'd Jesus Miranda, 124, in three. Cecilio Ostos, 113, embalmed "Kid Aztequita", 113, in nine. "Chino" Morales, 114, kayoed Juan Mata, 115, in three.

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RANZANY GETS A CUT, MUNIZ, A WIN

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

Sacremento—Top rated Pete Ranzany suffered his second professional lose when the ringside physician halted his bout against Mando Muniz before the start of the seventh round.

Ranzany's right eyebrow was badly cut and his corner was unable to stop the flow of blood. It was a frustrating lose for Ranzany, as he was well in control of the fight.

The bout was scheduled for ten rounds at the Sacramento Civic Auditorium, and a record turnout of 4,437 paid $57,673 to watch their local hero meet a fighter who has three times fought for the championship.

The story of Mando Muniz is far more interesting than anything that has been fed to the public in movies about boxing. Muniz holds an M.A. as well as a college teaching certificate. He is also a consultant to Schlitz Brewery and Maganverde Promotions, and is active in county politics in L.A. Muniz is considering running for a local office.

Two years ago Muniz came within a hair's breath of beating Jose Napoles for the title. Dominating the champion, the referee stopped the bout in the 13th round and awarded it to Napoles, claiming butts by Muniz in the fifth round injured Napoles. Six months later Numiz lost a decision to Napoles. Muniz is married, with three children, and incredibly, considering all else, is regarded as one of the bravest, most brutal fighters on the West Coast. A list of his past opponents would be the hit parade of the top welterweights of recent years; Emile Griffin, Napoles, Eddie Perkins, Clyde Gray, Ernie Lopez, Adolph Pruitt, Carlos Palomino, and many more.

Muniz's only loss within the distance came against Palomino with only .25 seconds remaining in the fifteenth round. Since then he has kayoed Antonio Levya in one, Zovek Barajas in five, and then dropped a decision to Jose Palacios. Not discouraged, Muiz wanted to earn a fourth crack at the world title before retiring to college teaching and politics.

Ranzany's last loss was twenty-nine fights earlier when he dropped a decision to Jimmy Jackson. Since then Ranzany has breezed past a string of top notch opponents, all of whom have carefully been chosen by his braintrust. Promoter Babe Griffin and manager Joey Lopes have built Ranzany into a SRO attraction in Sacramento and a contender for the world championship.

Ranzany came into the fight a two to one favorite, and like Muniz he was expectdd to rely upon an aggressive, non-stop style that gains him wins and pleases the crowds. Unlike Muniz though, Ranzany is a stand up banger with a jab like a blunt bayonet. Muniz is a wade-in brawler with short arms and a deadly punch. "The first woman you see on the street has probably got a better jab than I do," Muniz added, "He's going to think we're engaged."

the first round proved to be an indication of things to come as both fighters wasted little time in finding the range on one another. Ranzany would stick a jab in Muniz's face and follow it up with a hook to the body. Muniz would lunge inwith an overhand right and then let go a flurry of punches. Ranzany won the round.

In the second round the action intensified. Both fighters were well suited for one another, neither took a backward step. Ranzany held off a strong charge by Muniz with sharp punches to the head.

The third and fourth rounds were good ones for Ranzany. He hurt Muniz with a left to the ribs. The auditorium was vibrating from the shouts of Ranzany's supporters. Muniz was rocked again with a right to the face. He fought back bravely, but was tagged with many clean shots.

Midway in the fifth Ranzany received a deep gash above his right eyebrow from a left hook that twisted over his flesh. The cut seemed to inspire Muniz, who caught fire and aimed at the wounded eye. The round ended with Ranzany covered with his own blood.

In the sixth, Ranzany came out and met Muniz's attack with stiff punches to the head and body. Both fellows stood close and swung hard. Again and again Ranzany came out and met Muniz's attack with stiff punches to the head and body. Both fellows stood close and swung hard. Again and again Ranzany snapped his fine jab into Muniz's face. But the cut opened and the blood began to flow freely. It flowed down his body until he looked like Santa Claus. Ranzany ended the round by landing a series of hard punches that backed Muniz up.

Before the start of the seventh round, the ringside physician, Dr. Montemeter, visited Ranzany's corner and ended the fight without a single punch. He just looked at Ranzany's eye and shook his head. The official cards, which proved to be useless, read 59-56, 59-56, and 58-56. The Ring had it 4-1-1, in terms of rounds. Both fighters shook hands. A rematch is unlikely.

After the fight, Muniz said, "I felt I was losing by a couple of rounds, but I wasn't getting wiped out. I think he's better than Palomino. He shouldn't feel badly about what happened, Pete will be champion one day."

Others had different thoughts. Jack Fiske, of the San Francisco Chroncile, said, "Muniz shouldn't plan his future on the result of this fight. He was getting beat, and if Ranzany hadn't been cut, Muniz would have given up all hope of another title shot."

Some observers voiced dissatisfaction with Ranzany's corner for not being able to stop the bleeding. But referee Rudy Ortega said, "The cut was over a nerve that controls the eyelid. If it had become bigger it could have resulted in a permanent droopy eye. It's better for Pete to take the loss." The wound took a total of 14 stitchesl, eight on the inside and six outside.

In the opening bout, a six rounder, Juan Sanchez, 132, Los Angeles, drew with Eulogia Borjoruez, 132, Mexico. Also, Tony Fernandex, 118, Redwood City, won a six round decision over Artuor Felix, 118, Tijuana. Felix was slow, in fact he couldn't get off a dime. Finally, Al Guevara, 140, Sacramento, lost a split decision to Vicente Hernandez, 139, Stockton, in a fight that had its moments.

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SULLIVAN HALTS BALDWIN

By KELLY NICHOLSON

Fast-rising Portland middleweight John Sullivan upped his mark to 8-1 with a convincing stoppage of Seattle's Willie Baldwin, 157, in the featured event of Ron Ail's 5-bout card at Multnomah County Exposition Center. The scheduled 10-rounder was ended prior to the seventh, when Baldwin announced that a spine injury would not allow him to continue.

The night's action began when talented welterweights Daryl Penn and Curtis Ramsey, each of Portland, boxed a fluid, well-paced six-round exhibition.

Kelso, Washington's popular Steve Chase scored a hardfought six-round win over Al Fletcher, 146, of Reno, in a battle which many regarded as the evening's highlight. Steve, 146½, connected with strong shots to head and body in the later going, and rocked his taller opponent against the ropes in the final two rounds to capture a unanimous verdict.

Another rousing six-rounder saw Portland's Steve Moyer, 163, score a unanimous decision over hard-slugging C. J. Brown, 159, of Eugene. Currently 3-0-1, Steve is respectively the son and nephew of now-retired boxing brothers Phil and Denny Moyer, and is seconded by grandfather Harry Moyer, himself a former professional.

A scheduled-four of women was cut short when Sue Fox of Vancouver proved too much for 147-lb. Dino Cline. It ended when southpaw Sue, hair in braids and clad in pink-trim trunks at 150, belted her neighborhood rival with a hefty shot to the face which prompted a halt in the third.

Sullivan, 154½, was winning in handy fashion before Baldwin deferred to a tailbone complaint which ended the evening's *finale*. A sharp-punching, classic boxer, Johnny mixes his attack with splendid authority and continues to improve with each outing. Main event referee was Phil Moyer.

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HEAIR TKO'S HARRIS

By JOEL LIPSITT

Holiday Inn Rivermont, Memphis, Tenn., Jimmy Heair, one time top lightweight contender back in the mid 70s, and now campaigning out of Memphis has taken a new lease on his boxing career since signing under the careful tutelage of new manager, David Goodwin, local Memphian businessman. Heair is definitely on the comeback trail and taking dead aim on the junior welterweight title. This was his 8th KO win in his last 9 outings.

In the scheduled 12 rounder, Heair, 140, electrified an enthusiastic crowd of 2,000 by destroying the very game and durable Freddie "The Stepper" Harris 140, Bossier City, La, in their rubber match at 2:40 of the sixth stanza to retain his Southern Jr. Welterweight title.

In the 1st round Harris started out in an explosive windmill fashion, taking the fight right to Heair with a barrage of solid body and head shots. However, Heair was equal to the task and towards the end of the round was loading up and firing back with beautiful combinations which halted Harris' attack. By a slight margin this was to be Harris' only winning round.

From then on Heair dominated and dictated the fight, getting his shots off first and squarely tagging the usually elusive Harris. The fourth canto proved to be the beginning of disaster for Harris. Midway through the round during a furious exchange, Harris, bobbing and weaving to avoid Heair's assault, ran into a pulverizing right cross which spun him around dropping him on his seat. Harris on queer street and hurt, but with still plenty of heart, immediately jumped up to continue but was forced to take a standing eight count. Heair, sensing a quick victory, immediately was on top of Harris trying to finish him off. A wicked left hook sliced open a cut under "The Stepper's" left eye as the bell sounded.

In the opening seconds of the fifth, Harris miraculously summoned strength from somewhere and began his last offensive thrust but it didn't last very long. In the fatal sizth, Harris now bleeding badly from the mouth and cut eye was taking a fierce pasting and unable to defend himself when his astute and ringwise manager, Joe King, made a tough but admirable decision when he signaled referee Herman Stevens to stop the carnage and save his fighter from any serious injuries.

The eigth round semifinal was a short lived brawl as heavyweight Roberto Rockett, 185, Millington, Tenn., won his eigth fight out of nine, as he was declared a quick TKO winner over Ed "Savage" Turner, 180, Tampa, Florida, at the end of the first when it was discovered that Turner had refractured his jaw after a six months layoff.

In a disappointing four rounder, local heavyweight James Dixon, 201, who just doesn't like to train, once again ran out of gas after winning the first two rounds and was consequently happy with a draw against visitor Larry Alexander, 205, Greenville, Miss., a former 1976 Golden Glove State Champion, who himself surprisingly, after showing well in recent Memphis outings was ill-conditioned, sluggish and looked horrible.

In a companion four rounder, featherweight Jeff Davis, 132, Memphis, with a hair style like the late Panama Al Brown, did a tatoo job in stopping long haired Rocky Belsky, 133, Memphis, who refused to leave his stool as the bell sounded for the third round.

In the exciting and grueling fourth round curtain raiser, local Memphian heavyweight Steve Bass, 215, again as is his usual custom was initially floored by an overhand right in the opening moments of the first for an eight count before storming back to cope a hard fought unanimous decision over heavyweight Daniel "Wild Man" Esby, 206, Memphis, who was making his pro debut. Esby was strong; came to fight, and although a loser, he won the hearts of the crowd by giving an impressive account of himself against the more highly experienced Basse.

Holiday Inn Rivermont, Memphis, TN.—A spirited crowd of 1600 fans braved a sleeting rainy stormy winter evening to support the annual Christmas Mile of Dimes and Goodfellows charities sponsored by Memphis's two leading newspapers, the Commercial Appeal and the Press Scimitar. All profits went to these two deserving charities.

In the feature 10 round stellar presentation of the evening, Memphian darling and Southern Junior Welterweight Champion, Jimmy Heair, continued on his impressive wining ways in registering a decisive TKO win over a tough and clever cutie in southpaw stylist Mike Romeriz, 142, Mobile, Ala., in 1:45 of the fourth heat.

Heair usually noted as a slow starter, surprised the local gathering by coming out very aggressively in the first round, throwing stiff body punches which caught the elusive southpaw. However, Romeriz, not to be denied, immediately circled to his right and countered very nicely with solid right jabs followed in closely by short swift chopping left hands to the side of Heair's head. Both fighters stayed in the center of the ring exchanging hefty wallops with neight giving ground.

In the second stanza, Romeriz, showing a lot of heart, successfully met Heair's rushes and was countering smartly with quick combinations. Towards the end of the round, Heair cornered Romeriz in his own corner and dug home solid left hooks to the body which hurt Roeriz as the bell sounded.

In the third, Romeriz was still giving an excellent account of himself until the roof caved in on him. Heair's earlier heavy body bombardment had evidently taken their toll, and now Heair was reapeatedly trapping the game Romeriz against the ropes and belaboring him with wicked body shots. Midway in the round, Heair brought his attack up on top and floored Romeriz with a beautiful straight right to the jaw dropping him for the first of two eight count knock downs in the round. The right did not travel more than 8 inches. Moments later another sharp right pin point on Romeriz's jaw deposited him for the second eight count.

In the fatal fourth canto, Romeriz simply ran out of gas, could not keep off the ropes and was a "sitting duck" as Heair carefully set him up with jabs and finally driving home two solid rights to the button dropping Romeriz to his knees. Romeriz was in no condition to continue, as referee Herman Stevens looked into his glassy eyes and wisely called a halt to the fracas.

In the eight round semifinal, cagy Memphian veteran Robert "Iron Man" Echols, 215, found a game and durable opponent in one tall and lanky Walter Satimore, 200, New Orleans, La., who certainly came to do battle. Luckily for Echols, he came out a winner, as refree James Kidd, after consulting with the ring physician, had no choice because of a severe eye injury to Satimore, to stop this grueling contest and declare Echols the winner via a TKO at 2:45 of the seventh.

In a six round slugfest, likeable Semmie Black, 140, Memphis, tangled with a tough competitor in Mike Box, 145, Mobile, Ala. Box started out well and was content to lay back and conservatively pick his shots. In the third round, Black quickly hastened the tempo and began his famous Memphian flurries which befuddled Box. From this point on, Box never really got untracked; became extremely frustrated and started to employ rough house tactics. At the end of this fight, Black was scoring repeatedly with the heavier and more accurate artillery which earned him a well deserved unanimous decision win.

In a companion six round heavyweight contest, Roberto Rockett, 190, Millington, Tn., won his fourth fight in a row as he KO'd rotund Edward Baines, 219, New Orleans, La., in 40 seconds of the sixth round with a poleaxing left hook to the temple. Baines was strecthed out flat on his face under the lower ring strand as referee Herman Stevens tolled the final count. Up to this point, Baines, showing a great deal of extra tonnage around the midsection was giving Rockett considerable trouble as he repeatedly scored with booming rights and lefts to the body.

In the bruising exciting four round curtain raiser, heavyweight James Dixon, 190, Memphis, held on in the last round to eke out a close but unanimous decision win over a strong and game, Steve Basse, 205, West Memphis, Arkansas. It was truly a good brawl, and although the crowd booed the decision but was obviously impressed by Basse's stretch run. This writer thought the decision was very just.

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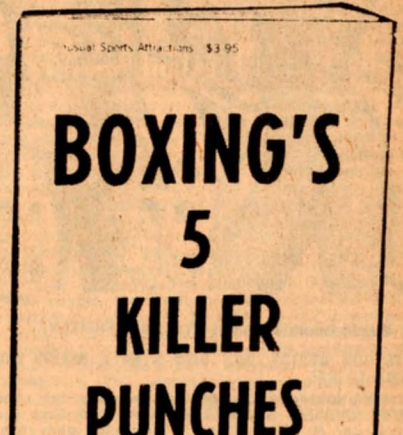

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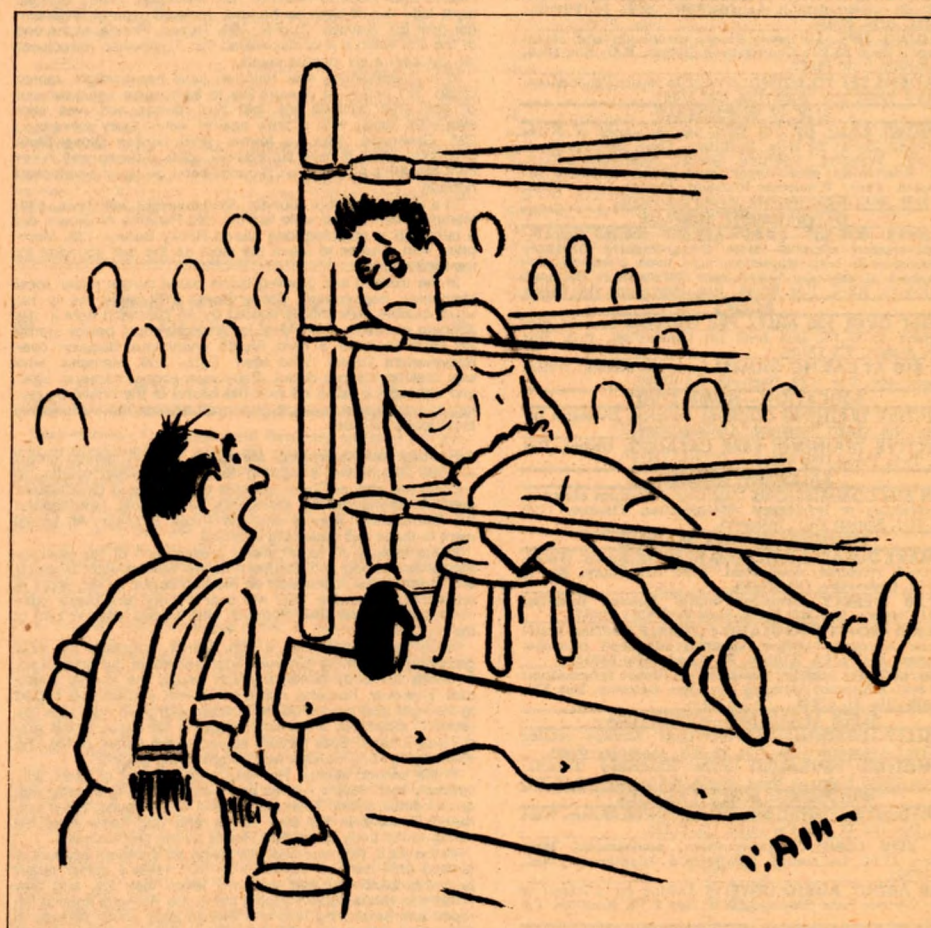

"You always said you could lick this guy with your eyes shut—now's your chance."

ORIENT ACTION
By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Two Korean fighters received a Hero's welcome due to respective important vitories. Slim but sharp Hong Soo-Hwann went to Panama to exchange gloves with Hector Carrasquilla in an eliminator to decide a new WBA junior featherweight champion. Hong was caught by 17-year-old unbeaten Hector's unmerciless punching to go down no less than four times in the second round, however stood up gamely to fight back and finish the local favorite in the next session. Hong's courageous revenge, televised from Panama, caused a great sensation in Seoul.

Another brilliant Korean, Yang Hong-Soo, dethroned Japan's Jiro Takada, OPBF flyweight champion, via a unanimous decision in 12 speedy heats in Osaka, Japan. The 24-year-old lefthander Yang's nimble feet and fast hands gave him an upset but well-received decision.

Japan's WBA junior flyweight champion Yoko Gushiken was named Fighter of the Year by the Writers Club in Tokyo with his three good defenses this year.

▲OSAKA—Korea's Yang Hong-Soo became the seventh current OPBF champion from his country, as the shorter lefthander beat Jiro Takada, Yokohama. His aggressive action earned a unanimous decision in 12 gruelling rounds. Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium found 24-year-old Yang very elusive and aggressive from the start. Yang traded roundhouse rights and lefts to have Takada retreating occasionally. Takada, an upright stylist, tried to catch the shorter opponent with solid one-twos, which were missing on plenty of occasions.

Takada seemed sluggish perhaps due to his weight reduction, owing to which there had been a talk of his outgrowing the flyweight class.

With good points lead, Yang showed his best in round six, when he exploded a wicked right at the defending champ's jaw, almost toppling him to win the round by a clearcut margin. The pace itself was monotonous and lopsided, as Takada failed to hit target, no matter how many combos he kept throwing. Referee Inukai saw the speedy affair 60-55, while judges Kashiwagi and Kurume had it 60-53 and 59-56, all in the Korean southpaw's favor.

Takada and Yang, both 24 years of age, entered the ring with the former holding a half a pound advantage at 112. Yang Hong-Soo was a Korea's national flyweight champ, who turned pro with an amateur career, 30-4 with 10 kayos, in 1971 and compiled a professional record of 19-3-2 (5 by KO). Takada, who had twice challenged Miguel Canto and Guty Espadas for the world title, suffered the seventh setback against 21 wins including 8 kayos and one draw.

In a semifinal ten, Yohi Arai, JBC top welterweight contender at 146½, scarecely seemed sweaty, when polishing off Ichiro Izawa, 141½, in 1.21 of the second round. Arai's vicious right hand shot easily sank his foe for the count.

In a preliminary bout, Okihiro Kiyokawa, 107¼ and JBC No. 7 junior flyweight, was knocked out by Mikio Uchida, 106¼, in 56 seconds of the third round. Uchida suddenly attacked Kiyokawa with a resistless rally, which had the latter reeling to the ropes time and again to cause the upset.

Tatsuo Toma, 125½, halted Koji Maekawa, a deaf and mute boxer at the same weight, in the fifth canto of the give-and-take sixer. Maekawa downed four times, while Toma did once.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—In only 134 seconds of the opening session, six footer Toshiaki Suzuki, JBC top middleweight contender, kayoed Armando Boniquit, a veteran Filipino, to the disappointment rather than praise of the crowd. Though both were announced to weight in at 171 pounds, their physique difference was such that a quick finish seemed natural. After they cautiously sparred for one minute, Suzuki swarmed over his opponent with a strong two-fisted attack. He nailed Boniquit against the corner to land a heavy right. Armando collapsed and rolled over on the canvas for the ten count in the obvious mismatch.

Another contest by big and small men was witnessed in a companion tenner. Taller lefty Michihiro Horihata, JBC junior middleweight rated No. 3 at 150, had a tough time to catch his elusive rival Mitsuo Kushikino, from Kyushu No. 8 welterweight, but his one body shot flattened the lanky kid in 1.41 of the tenth session. Horihata, 25 and 11-9-1 with 10 kayos, was surprised at Kushikino's courageous fighting in the first round, which the newcomer dominated clearly. However, the power advantage of Horihata became too effective for Mitsuo to cope with. The number of spectators was so disappointing as to count only 500.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—When a split draw was announced, most of the crowd strongly wondered why the official verdict was so. Crafty but glass-jawed Hideo Kobayashi, JBC No. 7 bantie, kept jabbing and moving to and fro not to reveal his jaw weakness against the young rising puncher Kosei Anan and appeared to be a clear points victor. Hideo scaled in at 117¼, one pound heavier than the popular Shinjin-O winner of this year who had sunk eight men out of 10 previous wins against two points defeats and one draw. Referee Sasaki and judge Ugo both tabbed 49-48, but the former voted for Anan, while the latter for Kobayashi. Another judge had it a draw 48-48. The reporter scored 49-46 for Kobayashi on the 5-point must system.

Kobayashi, with 21 wins against 13 defeats and two draws, began to display the better ringcraft in outjabbing the rookie. After the third round was taken by the veteran footworker, Anan showed his best in the next round to chase the fast-moving foe repeatedly, winning the session.

A semifinal became one of the most lopsided affairs witnessed this month to be halted midway in the sixth round. Without the third man's stoppage, the bout would have lasted ten rounds as scheduled.

The winner was Senju Yamaguchi, rising No. 10 lightweight and Shinjin-o winner of this year. The loser was Sakae Sakashita, whose vaunted durability was such that Yamaguchi, 140¼, swept all five rounds with a clearcut 5-4 score by tossing solid one-twos, but was unable to give him even a knockdown. Moreover Sakashita, 141, sometimes fought back with slow but courageous rallies and refused to go down. Yamaguchi upped his record to 11-5 with eight kayos. In a preliminary six, Shuji Hirata, 122, defeated Akio Fujimoto, 121½, by a majority decision.

▲KORAKUEN HALL—Annoyed by Junichi Okubo's bigger reach and height, lefty Shigeyoshi Adachi, No. 4 featherweight at 124, threw more punches and moved forward to win a majority decision in 10 close rounds before some 1,200 fans here.

Okubo, a hope from Osaka weighing at 124¼, remained very negative in the first five rounds only to study the puzzling lefty's punching. Adachi, found it difficult to hit such a Fancy Dan.

Okubo, 23 and 21-4 (11 by kayo), commenced trading long one-twos to take the lead in round seven, when he chased his attacker.

Adachi missed plenty during the contest, but his aggressive performance carried him to a close victory. Referee Morita and judge Nakamori dually voted 49-46 in the southpaw's favor, while judge Ugo saw it a draw 47-47. Adachi tabbed the 18th win including 10 kayos against 5 defeats and one draw.

In a semifinal eight, Hirobumi Mochizuki, No. 5 junior lightweight at 130, bored in furiously to aim at the body of Takeshi Mine, 129½, dropping him with a very solid shot at the stomach in 2.51 of the third round. Mochizuki, ex-Shinjin-o winner, upped his record to 14-7 with 12 knockouts. Most expected might be a special event, in a sense, where ex-Olympian and national featherweight amateur champ Yukio Segawa, 126, appeared in his first pro bout. Segawa made a very fine debut, as he needed only 173 seconds in the opening session to ice Yoshio Tano, at 126 pounds, in a scheduled sixer.

Segawa, a lefty puncher who had compiled 38 wins (26 by kayo) against four defeats, lost to Gold Medalist Howard Davis in Montreal in spite of decking the U.S. representative once during the three round contest. 23-year-old Segawa attacked Tano, 10-10-4, with continual rights and lefts. Though the rookie received one solid right midway, he scored a short strong left at Tano's chin to stretch him more than ten count.

In a preliminary six, Gen Akutsu, 129¼, unanimously whipped Sanshiro Kawazoe, 129½. Namio Akamine, from Okinawa and 124¼, gained a shutout win from Nobuo Hashiguchi, 125½, in six. Some 1,200 customers were in attendance for the card promoted by Teiken promotion.

▲HOFU CITY—Former national lightweight boss Masa Ito, 132¼, proved too strong for Hajime Momosaki, (130) from Kyushu, polishing him off with only four seconds left in the seventh round of a scheduled tenner.

Preliminary sixers were the finals of West Japan Shinjin-o (Novice King) tournaments, battled by local winners of Osaka and Kyushu Districts.

Nobuharu Suga, 111½, drew with Wolf Uchima, 110¼, in six hairline rounds, but the total of all official scoresheets carried the former flyweight to the scheduled All Japan final next January. Bantie Keiichi Manabe, 117½, outpointed Killer Akimoto, 117¼, in six. Taka Hayashi, 120, stopped Hiyoshimaru Ito, 122, in two. Fumihisa Takashima, 139½, decisioned Spark Nakata, 137½, in six.

▲NAGOYA—The City Hall witnessed local prospect Takao Maruki, JBC top junior lightweight contender at 131¼, impressively finish Tatsuya Moriyasu, 131¼, midway in the sixth round. Maruki, previously unbeaten against fellow countrymen in his domestic showings for years, is scheduled to face OPBF champ Rey Tam of the Philippines for his first defense, after the Filipino lefty decked a good 12-round decision from Japan's Apollo Yoshio in Baguio City last month.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—With 194 green entries, the finals of East Japan Shinjin-o tournaments came to an end to pass through the first Rookie Gate. Every year the winners of the East District used to sweep All Japan finals, demonstrating the higher level effected by busy cards at Korakuen Hall, Tokyo.

A well-packed crowd of 2,000 were pleased to see hot action full of knockouts. Junior flyweight: Masaharu Inami, 108 and of Okinawa, continued a winning streak by dropping Shigeru Utsugida, 107, three times in the fifth session to win an automatical kayo win. Flyweight: Masami Sekiyama, an 18 year-old puncher, upped his record to 9-1 with 7 kayos, as he demolished Nobuo Horigome, 111¼, with one wicked right uppercut in the second session. Bantamweight: Lanky elongated favorite Kazuhito Eikura, 117½, floored Hitoshi Ohashi, 117, once in each of the first three rounds to gain a unanimous decision in six heats. Junior featherweight: Satoru Hirata, 24 and 4-0 with two kayos, was awarded a TKO due to the badly puffed aleft eye of Minoru Nanjo, a faster guy at 22, in the fourth round. Featherweight: Most popular rookie Kiyoshi Sasaki, a 21 year-old son of Tamio Sasaki who had compiled seven wins against one draw, fought back hard after a surprising first round knockdown, but lost a close decision to game rusher Hideyoshi Horinaga, 126 and a ¼ heavier, in six. It was a total war. Junior lightweight: Eighteen and unbeaten Kazuaki Hamada, 5-0 (3 by kayo), whipped another unbeaten Seitaro Chinen to take a well-received nod in six. They each weighed in at 130 pounds.

Lightweight: Sturdy puncher Tsunehiro Fuchiwaki, 19, displayed his vaunted terrific punching to demolish lefty Hiroyuko Satake, 5-0-1, in four rough rounds. Both scaled in at 133¼ pounds. Junior welterweight: Free swinging Fumio Ota, 139, recklessly bored in to catch Masaru Ozaki, 137¼, into a second round kayo. Welterweight: Takeshi Igarashi, 146½, proved a bit too powerful, finishing Seiji Honda, 145½, in three. Middleweight: Kazuo Goto, 3-1 with three kayos, scored a convincing one-round KO from his stablemate Kenji Miyata, half a pound lighter at 158¼, to reveal his superiority in power.

Korea welcomed Hong Soo-Hwan's return from Panama, where he survived four knockdowns in the second round to demolish Hector Carrasquilla, 17 year-old local hope with 11 kayos in as many pro games, in the third canto on November 27. The three knockdown rule had been luckily waived in the WBA junior featherweight eliminator. Hong, the new champion in the 122-pound class, had once seized the world bantamweight crown by beating Arnold Taylor in South Africa in 1974, but had been dethroned by Alfonso Zamora via a fourth round kayo in Los Angeles in the next year.

▲SEOU, MUNHA GYMNASIUM—In a card by Hangheung Promotion, Korea's welterweight champion Kim Kap-Soo, 148¼, lost to Cho Ik-Hyun, No. 3 contender, by a unanimous decision. Kim's title was not at stake in the overweight go.

▲SEOUL, MUNHA GYMNASIUM—Hope Koh Dok-Hoon, KBC No. 2 junior featherweight previously fighting as Panther Koh or Koh Saeng-Jeun, got off the canvas from a first round knockdown, dropped Ko Tononari, Japan's No. 3 featherweight, for a compulsory eight count and was awarded a unanimous decision in 10 gory rounds. Koh showed plenty of ducking to avert Tononari's solid blows to outpunch the Japanese newcomer, piling up points steadily. Tononari, bleeding badly from the nose, came back hard with straight punches to win the sixth session, but his attack was not sufficient to overcome the points deficit.

▲PUSAN, KOREA—One of the most promising Korean fighters, Park Chan-Hee, ex-amateur Asian Games champion at 111¼, unanimously beat Daniel Grant, an Argentine boxer now living in Australia, in 10 heats presented by Hanjin Promotion. Though there were no knockdowns, Park who had whipped Orient champ and fellow country man Chung Sang-Il in a non-title tenner showed his superiority in exchanging rallies throughout the contest.

▲ULSAN-CITY, KOREA—Orient and Pacific junior flyweight champion Chung Sang-Il, 108, successfully kept his crown by stopping Flor Escobido, OPBF top challenger from the Philippines, in the third canto of a scheduled 12 rounder. Chung registered his second defense since he had acquired the title last year.

▲TOKYO, JAPAN—After OBF was reformed into OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) with a new membership of Australia, the headquarter in Tokyo has published its first ratings, the current champions of which are listed up as follows: (K, P and J stand for Korea, Philippines and Japan respectively.)

Junior flyweight: Chung Sang-Il (K); Flyweight: Yang Hong-Soo (K); Bantamweight: Kim Yung-Shik (K); Junior featherweight: Ric Quijano (P); Featherweight: Hwang Bok-Soo (K); Junior lightweight: Rey Tam (P); Lightweight: Oh Yong-Ho (K); Junior welterweight: Moises Cantoja (P); Welterweight: Ryu Sorimachi (J); Junior middleweight: Joo Ho (K); Middleweight: Yuh Jae-Do (K).

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CHUVALO DEFENDS TITLE
By FRANK ALLNUTT

TORONTO—Canadien Heavyweight champion, George Chuvalo (Toronto) at a reported weight of 232 disposed of Earl McLeay (Winnipeg) 220 at the 2:24 mark of the initial round. McLeay who was billed as 'Cowboy' should have stayed on his horse and kept riding West the only thing that could be mentioned that was without a doubt he proved to be a one hundred per cent bonafide heavyweight pretender who never threw a punch at Chuvalo. Down for the eight count with the first right hand punch that Chuvalo threw, McLeay took the eight count, a barrage of punches and another right hand by Chuvalo and McLeay ended up outside the ring through for the night. In other bouts Ralph Racine (Niagara Falls) and Bobby Hughes a transplant from Cleveland now living in Toronto went at it for ten rounds in their lightweight bout which was declared a draw. This was the only bout on the card. In another light weight bout Nicky Furlano (Toronto) had nothing to beat in Larry Moore (Virginia). These two had met previously in Toronto with the result Furlano winning in four. This time however Moore found a spot to fall in the third round after taking counts in the first and second rounds. Over four rounds Ron Pettigrew won a decision over Bobbt Bath at the welterweight limit, both were billed out of Toronto. Harry Terrell (Cleveland) stopped Bob Bozic (Toronto) midway in the second round of a heavyweight bout. Due to slow ticket sales and bad weather the above card was postponed and re-scheduled for two days later, no official figures were given for attendance which was estimated at less than 1500 fans. The only thing first class about the show was the ticket prices, nice even round numbers like $10—15 and $20.

▲HAMILTON, ONT.—Former Canadian middleweight boxer Len Wadsworth who campaigned with many top notch performers in Canada and the U.S.A. during the thirties and forties died in this city today.

▲TORONTO—Leo Marsh (Toronto) KOed. Danny Stokes (Toronto) at the 2:48 mark of the eighth and final round of their lightweight clash. This was a fine action bout throughout and Marsh registered his second pro win. Danny Stokes did the right thing in announcing his retirement after the loss. The matchmaker for Danny Furlano (Toronto) must have gazed into their crystal ball when they signed him for two bouts in the space of six days. After eight rounds of going through the motions Furlano was awarded the decision over Jim Henry (Montreal). Warren Holder (Toronto) won a split decision over Coly Wallace in a dull welterweight bout. The card held at the St. Lawrence market place barely attracted 500 fans.

▲MONTREAL—Jean Claude Leclair (Montreal) firmly established himself as the top contender in the Canadian middleweight division when he administered a bad beating to Gerald Bouchard (Montreal) with the bout being halted at the 2:38 mark of the ninth round. The 4300 fans on hand to witness this one really saw a bruising fight in which Leclair had complete control and handed out plenty of punishment to the game Bouchard who has now lost four times to Leclair. In an eight round middleweight bout, twenty year old Daniel Levesque (Montreal) ran his pro win streak to thirty two bouts with a unanimous decision over Ricky Zarbatany (Montreal). The close but unanimous decision handed down by the officials with each card being close was not popular with the fans. Gaetan Hart (Hull) handed Michel Rouleau (Montreal) a boxing lesson to win a unanimous decision after the completion of their eight round lightweight bout. Larry Lewellyn (Montreal) stopped Richard Lea at the 1:10 mark of the second round. Lee suffered a fractured jaw. L. Innis (Montreal) made his pro debut a winning one by halting J.G. Binet (Quebec City) at the 1:40 mark of the fourth round.

GRIFFITH REMEMBERED

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over the .500 mark (admittedly against first-class competition). To which Clancy replied: "He's never been beaten badly, why retire him? Age doesn't disqualify you in other sports. If a man is batting .750 in baseball, you don't retire him. So why in boxing?"

And when asked the secret of their long relationship, sticking like mucilage in an ultra-modern age where contenders change managers and/or trainers with clocklike regularity, Clancy replied, "We don't get along, that's the secret." Tongue-in-cheek Mr. Clancy added, "You fight together and it all comes out in the wash."

Clancy's confidence that day seemed well founded. Indeed, Emile had never suffered a one-sided defeat that conjured up the image of his being in the wrong profession. And as the workout progressed, he did appear to be reasonably indestructible.

The final stages of the exercises over, I deigned approach Mr. Griffith. In response to my first query, he forthrightly stated, "The toughest fighter I ever fought was Gaspar Ortega." I questioned that surprising choice. "I fought him twice, you didn't," said Griffith, sticking to his choice.

I pursued the question further, asking for a list of opinions on the encyclopedia of fighters whom he met during his career, many of them greats themselves, a generation of which Emile was currently the last survivor. He came up with this assortment of assertions:

LUIS RODRIGUEZ—"A cutie."

NINO BENVENUTI—"Dirty but good."

DICK TIGER—"One of the best."

BENNIE BRISCOE—"Better as a wrestler."

RUBIN (HURRICANE) CARTER—"A good puncher. I disregarded the Irishman's order's (meaning Clancy) and I got clipped." (Carter KO'ed Griffith in 1 round in a big 1963 upset).

Griffith scoffed at the notion he had an Archie Moore-like method of controlling his weight, which during his career fluctuated effortlessly between 150 and 160 pounds. Other fighters had to pull teeth to lose half a pound while Emile just sat and let nature take care of him. Nature would be on his side for the Elliott fight. . .he had blown himself up to 161, one of his bulkiest weights.

Griffith left me with the parting statement; "I've gotten this far in boxing because I respect it as a business. Sometimes training is a big bore, but I enjoy boxing. Just look and see." Well, I followed by grabbing a good view seat for Emile's semi-final bout with Elliott. It was a narrow, scrambling bout, with Emile pulling off a points verdict over ten rounds.

What surprised the younger, brawling Elliott the most was the way Emile held his own in the rough and tumble. Elliott would bull and shoulder and elbow Griffith into the ropes, and Emile bulled and shouldered and elbowed right back. Age had been postponed another night, and I left the Garden with the feeling that I had just watched a legend.

Of course, with old fighters, the end can come suddenly. Several months later, in London, Emile Griffith suffered that one-sided beating that Gil Clancy said he had never taken. The man was English contender Alan Minter, and like the mother animal who is so protective of her brood, Clancy pulled Griffith out of the fold; he told him he was retiring. And that was that.

Boxing will be the poorer for Griffith's loss. Despite a lack of flamboyance, he was one of the few instantly recognizable names in boxing outside the heavyweight division. His pro record reads like a Who's Who of the welterweight and middleweight divisions during the last twenty years.

Emile Griffith had a lot of the immortal in him. . .also a lot of muscle, a lot of smarts, and late in his career, a touch of the Don Quixote.

CUELLO VS. PARLOV

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Before he became a professional boxer, on May 31, 1975, Mate Parlov had been the Yugoslav champion eight times, European two times, winner at the Olympic Games and world champion in amateur competition. He then became European king of the light heavyweight division in the professional ring and in the end the WBC champ of the world.

Parlov proudly said after the fight, "The night January 7th was the most important of my life. I dethroned Cuello and President Tito of SFR Yugoslavia personally congratulated me on winning the title."

What now?

"The choice will be no choice at all," said Parlov's manager, a 53-years-old merchant from Trieste, Boris Kramarsic. "The next contender will be John Conteh, but, no one can defeat Parlov."

O'GRADY FLATTENS PEARISH

By TOM PARKER

OKLAHOMA CITY—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City's bantamweight, sank his right hand wrist-deep into the belly of Bill Pearish, Joplin, Mo., in the second round of their scheduled 10-rounder that dropped the Joplin scrapper for a nine count. Pearish got up, but seconds later a flurry of head and body shots by O'Grady sent him to the canvas for the full count.

Pearish had indicated before the fight that he didn't stand in much awe of O'Grady, saying that the "Green Machine" had built his record on questionable opponents. "I intend to get rough with him because he's never had to fight under those circumstances," he said.

He did just that in the first round, scoring to O'Grady's face with heel shots that won him the round on some cards. But O'Grady took charge in the second. When I hit him the first time, he was out. He came in here and said some things about my family and myself. I went in there just like I was going in there to kill him," O'Grady said.

In preliminary fights, Jimmy Pearish, Bill's heavyweight brother, was awarded a TKO over Ike McIntosh of McAlester in the first round. Welterweight Clyde Spencer, McAlester, levelled William Curtis, Dallas, in the fourth round and Quapaw's "Tough Tony" McMinn knocked out Oklahoma City's Pete Knight in the fourth round of a middleweight bout.

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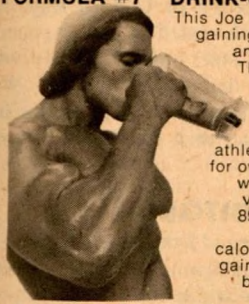

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BLACK FIGHTERS

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up winning a decision over a Joe Louis trying a comeback. And nobody had the good sense to compliment the winner.

Archie Moore bounced along happily for 32 years (1936-1968) as a fighter, started as a middleweight and finished as a light heavyweight champion. He was a master of defense., Ali borrowed from him. He stung like a rattlesnake; a generation and a half tried to borrow from him. A sweet fighter and a worthy one.

I'd be a liar if I tried to paint a word picture of Joe Gans, the lightweight dancing master from Baltimore. He retired the year I was born, 1909. But again it's Jimmy Jacobs' flick from his fight with Battling Nelson, 42 rounds in 1906, which he won on a foul, which provides my education. He was a gray ghost with a beautiful jab and legs to match. I say he could take anybody. Who can contradict me?

I have weighed two other men, Ike Williams, a great lightweight champion in my time, and Jersey Joe Walcott, who at 37 became the oldest heavyweight champion. His saga of defeat and desperation and final victory against Charles stays with me.

There are some other fine men in ability and character, and they cannot be overlooked.

What can we say about Emile Griffith and the long record he compiled over a long ring career? Welter champion (twice), middleweight champion, there laurels sit gracefully on his head. Technically he had an active left jab, a punishing left hook to the body and an ability to set a favored pace.

One of Emile's most notable conquests was his victory over Dick Tiger, which made him middleweight champion. But Tiger, too, is to be remembered. He was a double champ, winning the light heavyweight title when weight proved a problem.

His outlook as a champion was impeccable. He felt duty bound to make every fight a satisfying one, and often he carried the burden for the good of the game. His two bouts with Joey Giardello were typical, in which he displayed power, punch and pace.

It is ironic that Tiger's fame was diminished by another champion, Bob Foster, who must be mentioned. Foster was unique in at least two respects, height and punch. He was over six feet and he threw a tremendous left jab and hook. He took Tiger out with a single hook, which many recall as the perfect punch in the fourth round. He had a lengthy career, also, rivalling Griffith's.

Going back several generations, we also must recognize George Dixon, featherweight champion of the early 1890's and 1900's. His fame is measured by his nickname, "Little Chocolate." He had everything, speed and a hard punch. And his fights with others of his time are impossible to forget. A true pioneer of the black battlers who today still are fighting for their places in the sun.

CANTO OVER OGUMA

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by Canto, who became a litthe active with swift right leathers, while Oguma was cautious to watch the defending champ's elusiveness.

In round eight the game flyweights exchanged hot rallies toe-to-toe to amaze the crowd that had thought Canto would stick to his favorite hit-and-run tactics. Oguma, who had finished 17 victims in 29 wins against five defeats, kept boring in in round nine—to take back the pace with continual combinations at the face and body of the champion. Though lopsidedly attacked and losing that round, the Mexican champ revealed great coolness in parrying most of Oguma's desperate punches.

The partisan crowd thought Oguma more aggressive than Canto in the tenth round, which was won by neither due to the latter's few but effective counterpunches.

The eleventh stanza was not taken clearly by either of the two during the see-saw proceedings. Oguma showed his best as he scored well with sudden solid lefts at Canto's face to continue punching the fast-moving target for almost three minutes. Despite throwing back few long rights, the Merida hombre looked a bit weary and seemed to lose his initial speed and reflexes. It was a regretful question why younger challenger Shoji would not try to give him another all-out attack thereafter. The Japanese lefty, who said afterwards he thought he was leading on points then, became defensive rather than offensive to keep his lead for the next three rounds.

Canto, a Fancy Dan, regained his usual rhythmical movement and fine balance to display his vaunted sharp counterpunching again.

In the fifteenth and final round, Oguma sent repeated aggressive rallies to make his win clearer; however, Canto also proved he could counterpunch from any position. For the last four sessions they fought almost evenly.

Truly it was a very close 15-rounder so that there would have been controversy even if the official verdict had pointed to the more aggressive Oguma since his strong punches were too often averted by Canto's superior defense skills.

Miguel, who reportedly added a $80,000 purse to his previously gained $500,000, gaily said despite his obvious fatigue, "I do not like a lefty rival. Oguma could easily aim to counterpunch me if I recklessly came forward. My experience as a champ for three years helped me outpoint such a puzzling southpaw as Oguma.

"The next defense? I'm scheduled to defend the title for the 12th time against Eduardo Baragan in his native Caracas.

"I hope to hang up gloves for good as an undefeated champ after a couple of defenses within this year."

Miguel Canto is as keen in his business as in the squared circle, for he has been financially successful in managing a hotel, boutique shop and plantations. Buena Suerte!

Said Oguma, "I am not repentant about my showing tonight. It was one of my best performances. If possible, I want to meet Canto again."

However Miguel again found Oguma's lefthand style hard to deal with, and the champ's retirement seems near.

In a semi-windup ten, Hurricane Teru, a busy bantie, desposed of Uichiro Hayashida in six rounds. Each scaled in at 120 pounds.

A preliminary sixer ended quickly when Shigeru Okusa demolished Fujimi Wada midway in the first round. Each weighed half a pound lighter than the flyweight limit.

EDITORIAL

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come near the heavyweight weight sooner or later take a crack at the heavyweight division because of the larger purses to be obtained.

For years The Ring refused to recognize the many junior divisions, but a few years back it became obvious that due to changes in world eating habits and nutrition, there was too great a difference between some of the classes and that some junior classes were needed. At this point The Ring added the junior middleweight class, the junior welterweight class and the junior lightweight class. It was felt at that time, and still is, that in all the lighter classes there was no need for junior division.

There is some merit, however, in the possibility of dividing the heavyweights. It will take much study before any decision should be forthcoming, but it appears that there is no great abundance of heavyweight talent that would allow still another classification in boxing. Perhaps this is the greatest reason against a division of the heavyweights: the fact that there are not sufficient fighters in the world. As far back as Jim Jeffries the lack of talent for a period made retirement appropriate. Joe Louis and Jack Dempsey retired for lack of suitable opponents. It is true that shortly after each retirement a knight in shinging armor has always appeared, in some cases coaxing the former champ out of retirement, but the fact remains that there does not appear to be room for another heavyweight division at this time.

OLD BROADWAY

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ciano, the blockbuster, the only man who never tasted defeat and who retired as champion and never essayed a comeback.

We appreciate the Ali ballyhoo, but records are made in the ring and not by individual acclaim. One point one can't argue with is that no one has set up a record for million dollar gates as has Muhammad Ali. But we feel like others that to say he's the greatest is a matter of opinion.

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